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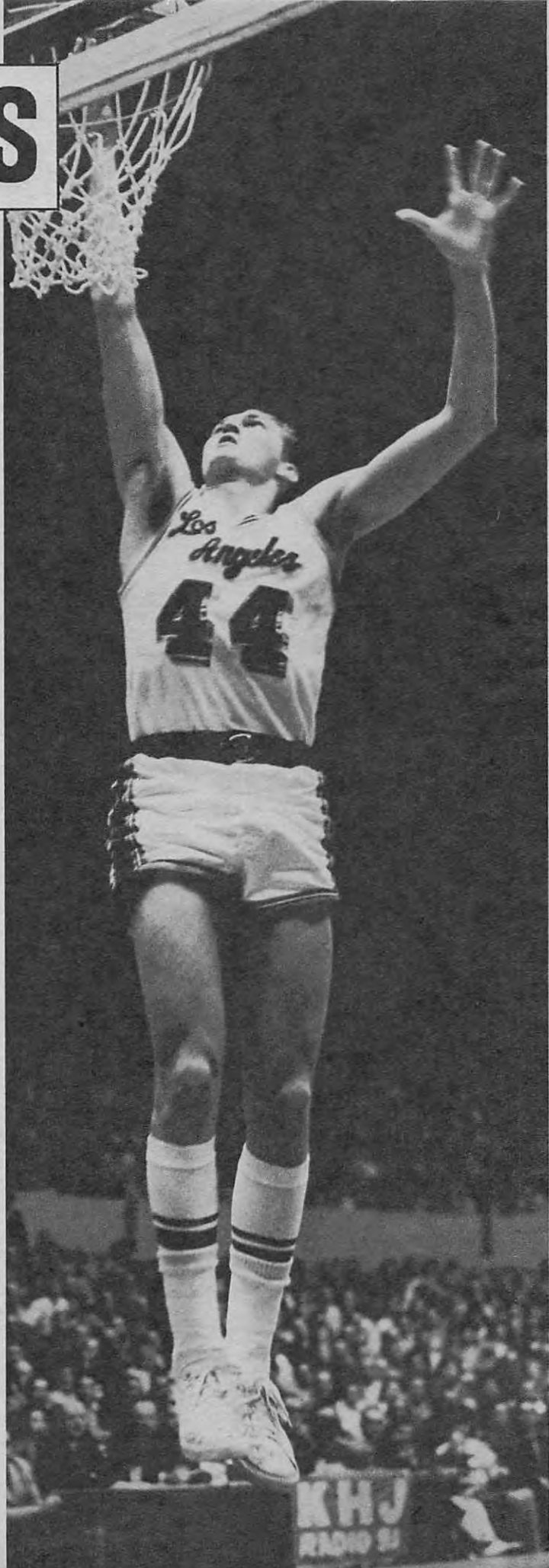


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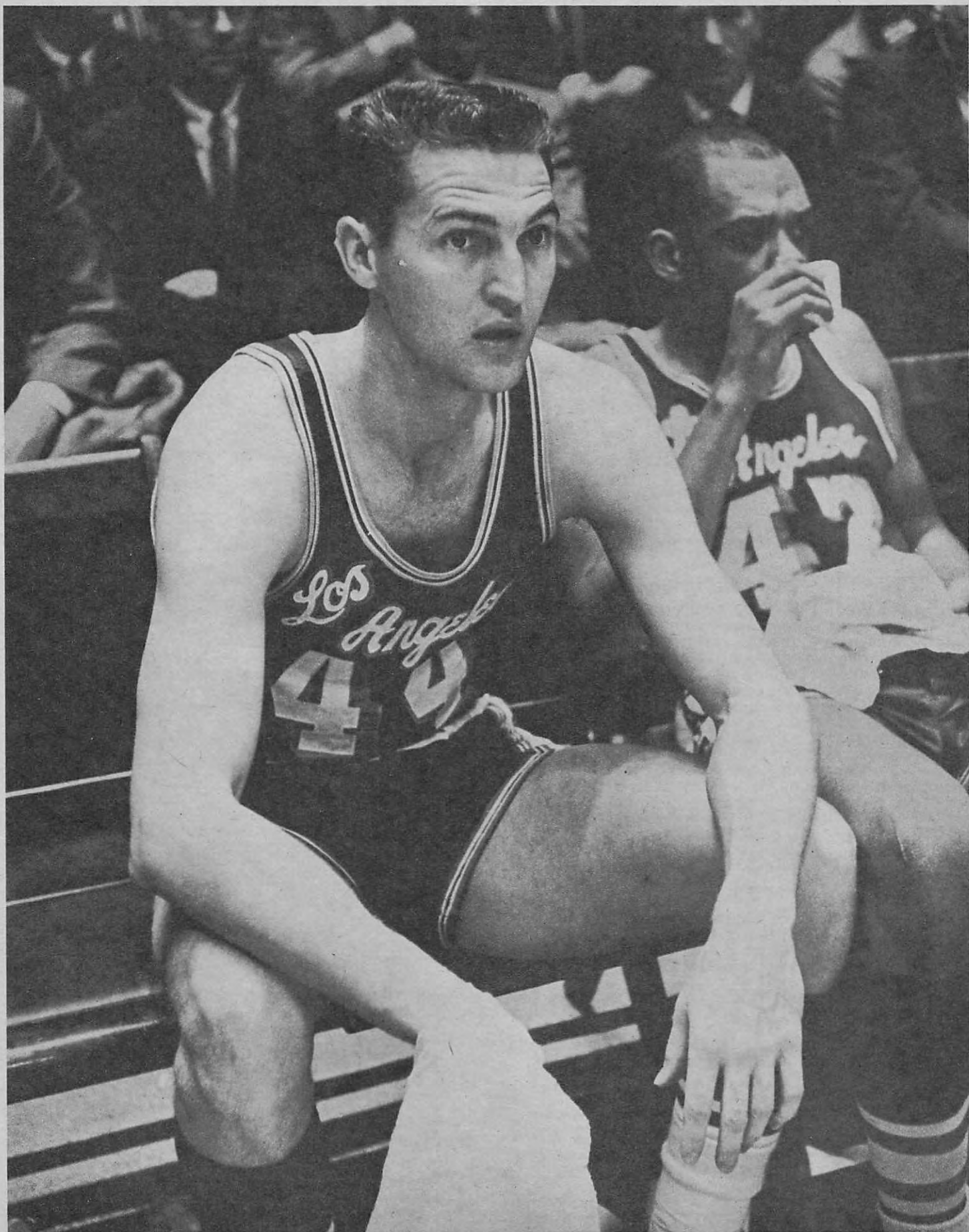


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The Making of a Super-Star

By LEONARD KOPPETT

■ Listen to a man who should know:

"Jerry West," he says, "is the most explosive offensive force in basketball today."

The speaker is Richie Guerin, player-coach of the St. Louis Hawks. As a backcourt man for the New York Knickerbockers and Hawks for many years, Guerin knows first-hand what it means to try to play against West. It is a knowledge that onlookers can only surmise. And, since last January, Richie has also had to look at West through the eyes of a coach whose team is being kept out of first place by West's efforts. The Hawks finished a strong second in the National Basketball Association's Western Division—and Jerry West's Los Angeles Lakers finished first.

It used to be, you'll remember, "Elgin Baylor's Los Angeles Lakers." Then it was the "Baylor-West Los Angeles Lakers." The latter is the outfit that came within a fraction of an inch of derailing the Boston Celtics in a final-round playoff in 1962. (A shot by Frank Selvy hung on the rim with the score tied and no seconds to play, and fell off, and the Celtics went

on to win that seventh and deciding game in overtime.)

The 1965 playoffs, however, lifted West to a new level of stardom. Baylor couldn't play (except for five minutes of one game) because of a serious knee injury. Suddenly the public, through the heightened publicity that accompanies a playoff, began to grasp what those close to the league had been coming to realize more gradually: that Jerry West, in his fifth professional season at the age of 26, was still getting better and better . . . and better . . . and better.

And now, in the NBA's 20th season and Jerry's sixth, he has reached a new status: star among stars, and possible heir to Bob Cousy's vacated title of the ordinary man's favorite.

When Cousy retired, after the 1963 season, a certain type of hero-image was lost to the NBA. It is no disparagement of Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Bob Pettit, Dolph Schayes or other dominant stars to point out that the ordinary person finds it hard to identify with men so tall. In a game like basketball, where

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JERRY WEST AT A GLANCE

6-3, 175. Born 5/28/38. Graduated West Virginia 1960. Hometown, Cabin Creek, West Va. Sixth season as pro. Lakers, 1960-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	74	822	.497	648	.821	447	364	2292	31.0
Lifetime	356	3449	.462	2646	.790	2476	1807	9544	26.8

BILL RUSSELL AT A GLANCE

6-10, 220. Born 2/12/34. Graduated San Francisco 1956. Hometown, Reading, Mass. Tenth season as pro. Celtics, 1956-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	78	429	.438	244	.573	1878	410	1102	14.2
Lifetime	649	4257	.443	2189	.562	15307	2522	10703	16.5



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INSUPERABLE OBSTACLE

■ Last season the Celtics set a record by winning 62 games during the NBA regular season, then proceeded to win the playoffs for their eighth championship in nine years. They have finished first in the Eastern Division in each of the last nine years. Bill Russell has been Boston's center for exactly nine years. It is not a coincidence.

When Boston won its first title, in a double-overtime seventh game against St. Louis in 1957, 11 men comprised the squad. Last year, nine of them were gone. Only Russell and Tommy Heinsohn, who was a fellow-rookie in 1957, were left. This, also, is not a coincidence.

Russell brought to Boston, and to the NBA an unprecedented and unparalleled defensive skill. By blocking shots and grabbing rebounds with uncanny timing, and learning to make the perfect passout, he triggered a fast-break offense that was able to set records like 173 points in one game. At the same time, he made possible a gambling defense by his four teammates, because he could clog up the middle all by himself if they let a man get through.

So the Celtics, in nine years, have created the longest reign of dominance of any team in any professional sport, and there isn't anything even remotely coincidental about it. Bill Russell is the reason, and the reign will last as long as he will.

That may not be very much longer, of course. Russell will be 32 years old before the current season

ends, and the pounding that comes from taking down 17,972 rebounds against the biggest and toughest competition in the world takes its toll. Russell has made enough money to have invested in a future; he is an intelligent and sensitive man with growing children; he has been subject to an increasing number of leg miseries in the last couple of years, and Bill's legs are to Russell what hands are to Vladimir Horowitz, or a pout to Brigitte Bardot.

So Russell won't last forever—but as long as he does, Boston is the team to beat. Coach Red Auerbach was there before Russell; Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman and other stars were there before Russell. They didn't win.

Meanwhile, Russell had some of his finest moments last year. For the second year in a row, he surpassed Wilt Chamberlain statistically, as well as aesthetically, in rebounding. In the final round of the playoffs against the Lakers, he was the whole difference, a force with which the Lakers couldn't begin to cope. And in style, he continued to advance. His total of assists, inching upward year by year from a total 202 his first full season (as a sophomore) reached 410 last season.

He remains the insuperable obstacle for rival offenses, the indispensable firing mechanism for his own. Everything that can be said about Bill Russell has been said long since—and it's all still true. In the opinion of his peers, he is basketball's MVP.

CHANGING TIMES

■ It is hard to think of any athlete so dominant in his game who has been so persistently talked down as Wilt Chamberlain. Yet, one game last season, which ended in his greatest disappointment, summed up most eloquently his true power.

The year before, after such long periods of criticism for being "selfish" and interested only in his own scoring statistics, Chamberlain had changed. Scoring less than ever before, blending better and playing more defense, he had lifted a San Francisco team which had failed to make the playoffs in 1963 to the Western Division title in 1964.

Last year, Wilt was stricken by a painful stomach ailment that made him miss most of the training season. When the regular schedule began, he played, but not in top form. The Warriors sank to the bottom and stayed there. In mid-season—at the All-Star Game—Wilt was traded to Philadelphia, to an aging team famous for well-integrated team play but suffering from lack of rebounding power.

That transaction transformed the picture in both divisions. The Warriors went on to set a record by losing 63 games, which indicates the quality of the supporting cast Chamberlain had there. At Philadelphia, it wasn't easy for the 76ers to adjust to Wilt, or vice versa, and they didn't catch the Royals during the regular schedule. In the playoffs, however, the 76ers polished off the Royals in four games, and faced the Celtics in a four-out-of-seven semi-final.

It went the limit—and almost beyond the limit. In the most hysterical final few seconds the league has ever known, the Celtics won the seventh game by one point in Boston. It was the second time in four years that Chamberlain, almost single-handedly, had interrupted Boston's string of championships in a semi-final. In 1962, when the Warriors were still representing Philadelphia, a similar thing happened.

The point is this: Chamberlain thoroughly outplayed Bill Russell in this series; the rest of the 76er team didn't belong on the same floor as Cincinnati, let alone Boston; only Chamberlain made it a contender. And if there is such a thing as a moral victory, Chamberlain got it by bringing the 76ers that far, and by making Boston's actual title victory in the next round (against Los Angeles) an anti-climax.

Chamberlain's size and strength, his remarkable co-ordination and his surprising speed remain quantities that literally cannot be ignored while he is on the basketball floor. Any game he plays in centers around his actions. No amount of hair-splitting criticism can alter that, and last year's playoff made more people aware of it than ever before.

He led the NBA in scoring for the sixth time in the six years of his career, although his average of 34.7 points per game was the lowest he's ever posted. But one statistic tells the whole story. In the entire history of pro basketball, only two men have accumulated more regular-season points than Chamberlain: Bob Pettit, who retired at the end of the 1965 season, and Dolph Schayes, who is now Chamberlain's coach. Pettit played 11 years, Schayes 16. If Chamberlain plays the normal complement of games this season, he'll pass both—in his seventh year. What more can a man do?

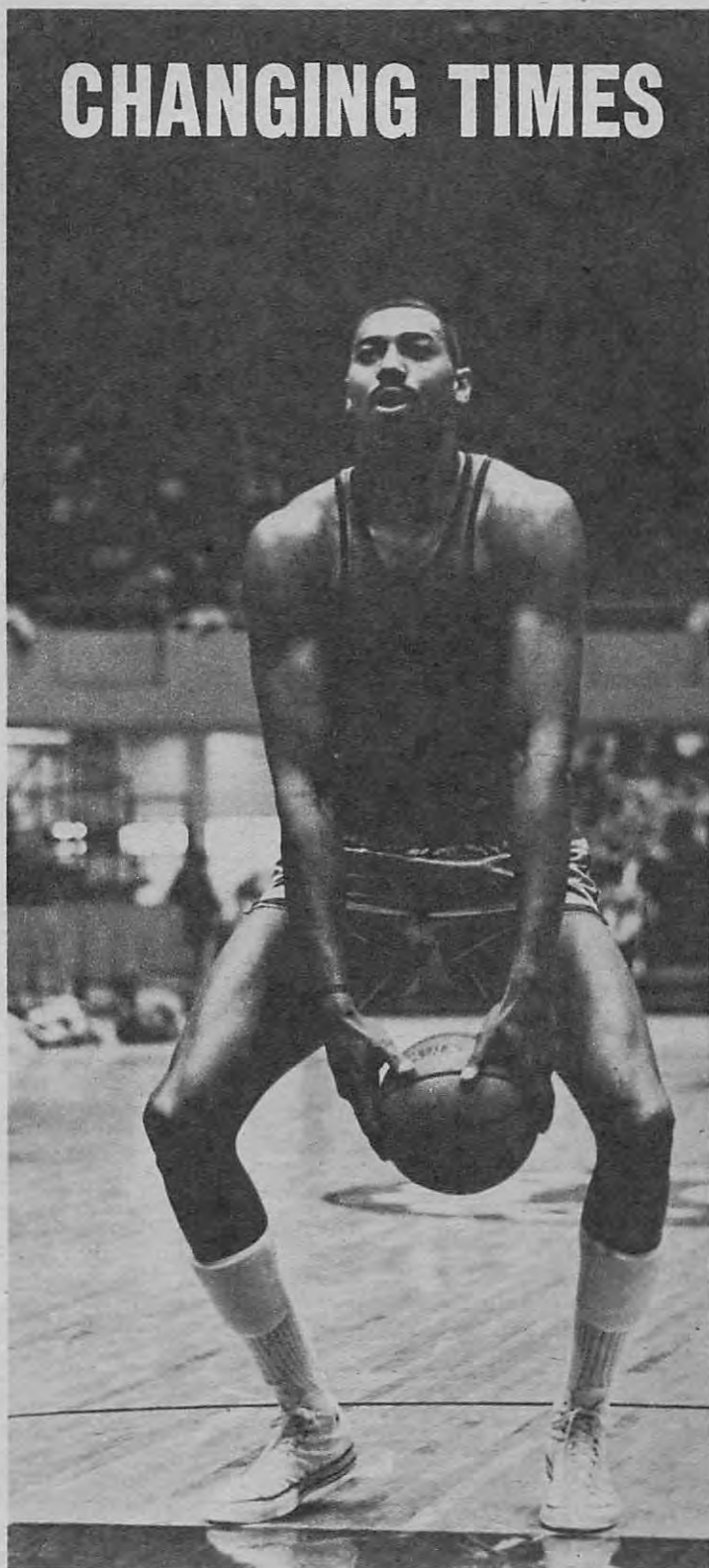


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WILT CHAMBERLAIN AT A GLANCE

7-1, 250. Born 8/21/36. Attended Kansas 1957-59. Hometown, Philadelphia. Seventh season as pro. Warriors, 1959-65; 76ers, 1965-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	73	1063	.510	408	.464	1673	230	2534	34.7
Lifetime	464	7643	.506	3551	.554	11448	1416	18837	40.4

VERGE OF GREATNESS



JERRY LUCAS AT A GLANCE

6-8, 230. Born 3/30/40. Graduated Ohio State, 1962. Hometown, Middletown, Ohio. Third season as pro. Royals, 1963-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	66	558	.498	298	.814	1321	157	1414	21.4
Lifetime	145	1103	.512	608	.796	2696	351	2914	19.4

■ There was a time when Jerry Lucas made headlines every time he did anything or decided not to do something. He gets less attention these days, but he's doing more than ever. The world has finally come to take Jerry Lucas for granted.

As the All-America center who led Ohio State to a national championship, he was already used to fame. He had been a high school All-America at Middletown, Ohio. As a prospective pro, he was entangled with five contracts involving three teams in two leagues, and actually sat out his first year out of college. He had been a member of the powerful U.S. Olympic team of 1960, and therefore a bit of an international celebrity. When the "will-he-won't-he" talk about his pro future was at its height in 1962 and 1963, he had become so talked-about that people began to wonder what he could really do on the court under pro conditions.

No one wonders any longer. Lucas has played two seasons and everyone is convinced.

His first year, he was Rookie of the Year. He scored 17.7 points a game and hauled in 17.4 rebounds. Unlike most modern players, he wasn't interested primarily in scoring. Rebounding, blocking out, feeding, defending seemed to him equally attractive and important chores—and he was so right. Teamed with Oscar Robertson, he transformed the Royals into a pennant contender. Perhaps his most revealing statistic was shooting percentage—a league-leading .527. Jerry didn't shoot that ball unless he was sure.

His second season wasn't much more productive than his first (but then, how could it be?). Back and leg injuries made him miss 14 games. Still, his scoring average moved up to 21.4, his rebounding rate to 20.0. And he was learning, adjusting. He took a few more shots (about two a game), and his percentage dropped a bit (to .498!). In the pro game, the good shooter must shoot whenever he can. Besides, the conversion from center to corner man had taken place, and Lucas felt more at home.

An extremely business-minded young man, with enterprises and investments in many directions, Jerry is 25 years old, acclimated to the pro league, accepted as an all-star, secure in life. That means: look out.

Granted freedom from injury, Lucas is on the verge of tremendous things. He can blend his talents with Oscar's to an unprecedented degree, and between them they remain the nucleus of the next NBA champions. Bill Russell won't last forever, and when the Celtics are finally beaten, all the signs indicate that it will be the Lucas-enriched Robertson Royals who will beat them.

When and if, Lucas will return to his accustomed role as a winner, the only thing that has eluded him in his pro career. In his high school career, he won 76 games and one girl; in the only loss his team suffered, he met a girl from the rival school and she eventually married him. At Ohio State, his teams had a 78-6 record and he was an All-America three times. Such a man can't be kept out of the winner's circle indefinitely.

OSCAR ROBERTSON AT A GLANCE

6-5, 205. Born 11/26/38. Graduated Cincinnati 1960. Hometown, Indianapolis. Sixth season as pro. Royals, 1960-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	74	807	.480	665	.839	674	861	2279	30.4
Lifetime	383	4094	.486	3432	.830	3993	4076	11620	30.3

CONSISTENT, TOO

■ It's been said often enough that Oscar Robertson is the perfect basketball player, equipped with sufficient size (6-5), heft (205 pounds), strength, speed, shooting touch, court sense, ball-handling skills, passing ability, defensive toughness, remarkable stamina and the alertness that makes for the highest degree of opportunism.

Now add one immensely important quality: consistency.

Oscar has completed five seasons for the Royals. In those five years:

His points-per-game averages have been 30.5, 30.8, 28.3, 31.4 and 30.4.

His field goal shooting percentages have been .472, .478, .518, .483 and .480.

His free-throw shooting percentages have been .822, .803, .810, .853 and .839.

His assists-per-game figures have been 9.7, 11.4, 9.5, 10.9 and 11.5.

His rebounds have averaged, per game, 10.1, 12.5, 10.4, 9.9 and 9.0.

His minutes-per-game averages have been 42, 44, 44, 45 and 46.

As a rookie in 1961, he missed eight games because of injury; in 1962, one; in 1963, none; in 1964, one; in 1965, five.

It would be entirely wrong, from the above figures, to draw the conclusion that Oscar goes along on an even keel, never having a hot streak. The truth is that he has nothing but hot streaks, all the time.

There are no figures to prove it, but it is a fair estimate that Oscar has control of the ball about 60 per cent of the time in any game he plays—that is, 60 per cent of the total time, which would be, theoretically, evenly divided between the two teams in a close game. Oscar has it a lot of the time when the other team is supposed to. He's the basketball equivalent of an outstanding football lineman who plays fifth man in the opposition's backfield all day.

Oscar has never been on a title-winning team, and there is no better proof that winning championships is a team business. If one man could win in basketball, Oscar would be that man.

As a rookie, he joined a club that had lost 37 times more often than it had won. With Oscar added, it reduced this deficit to 13. The next year, when Oscar had a pro season under his belt, it went six games over .500 and finished second in the Western Division. The year after, shifted to the tougher Eastern Division, it was four over .500, and good enough to force Boston to seven games in a playoff semi-final after knocking off Syracuse.

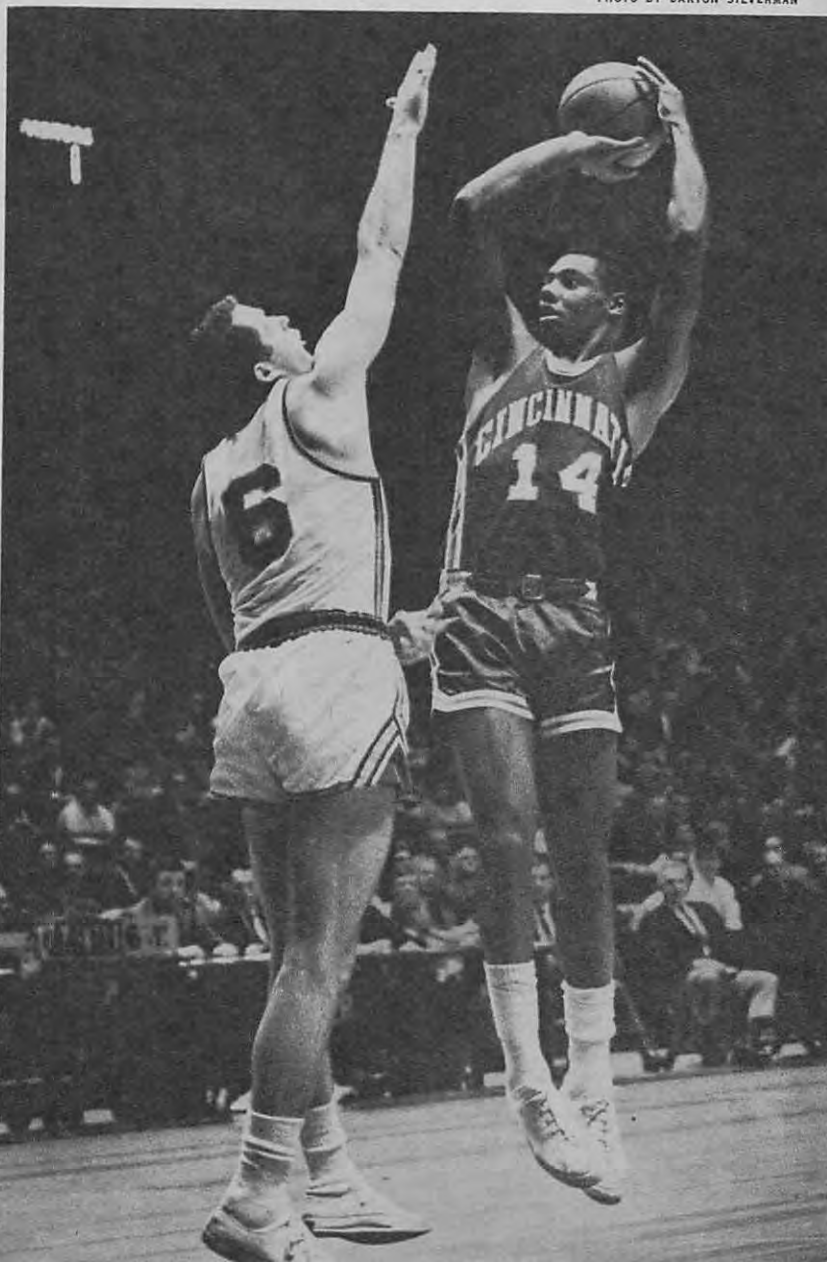
That was as far as Oscar could go as a one-man gang. In 1964, Jerry Lucas came along to provide more rebounding and big-man defense, and to vary the offense. Cincinnati's victory total soared to 30

over .500, and the Royals gave the Celtics a run for first place all season long before finishing only four games back.

Last year, with more injuries (Lucas missed 14 games along with Oscar's five), Cincinnati's victory total fell off somewhat, although it still finished second. However Wilt Chamberlain's shift to Philadelphia accentuated Cincinnati's weakness at center.

Meanwhile, Oscar is adding one more string to his already over-encumbered bow: maturity. He's just turned 29. Don't go away—and above all, don't turn your head. There's no telling what he might show you one of these days.

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ELGIN BAYLOR AT A GLANCE

6-5, 225. Born 9/16/35. Graduated Seattle 1958. Hometown, Washington, D.C. Eighth season as pro. Lakers, 1958-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	74	763	.401	483	.791	950	280	2009	27.1
Lifetime	493	5519	.425	3863	.783	7571	2136	14901	30.2

■ As last season ended, Elgin Baylor tore his kneecap and had to undergo a serious operation. No one can tell if the Elgin of the future will be able to maintain the standards of the Elgin of the past. It is worthwhile, therefore, to consider those standards in a little detail.

It may not seem like it, but it is now eight years since Baylor came out of Seattle U. and joined, as the league's top draft choice, a Minneapolis team that had won only 19 games and lost 53 the year before.

Elgin provided 34.9 points a game (fourth in the league) and 1,050 rebounds (exceeded only by Bill Russell and Bob Pettit). The Lakers not only jumped to second place during the regular season, but knocked out St. Louis, the divisional champion, in the semi-finals of the playoffs before finally being mopped up by a vastly superior Boston team. All in all, it was a pretty good rookie year.

In 1960, the team didn't do as well, although Baylor's scoring average went to 29.6 (third in the league) and his rebounding total went up. Even a Baylor, with his astounding strength and shooting ability, his endless movement for "second effort" and third and fourth, needs backcourt help, and the Lakers didn't have it.

The Lakers also had no customers, and for the 1961 season the team moved to Los Angeles, with another prize rookie Jerry West. Here was a Mr. Outside to supplement Elgin's Mr. Inside tactics—but it took West most of a season to get acclimated. That year, Baylor averaged 34.8 points a game, and 19.8 rebounds, and 5.1 assists. Since, under pro conditions, a rebound is worth a point and an assist two, Elgin was accounting for an average of about 65 points per game for his team. And yet, with the move and other deficiencies, the Lakers still didn't reach the .500 level.

In 1962, Baylor had to go into the Army halfway through the season, but by then he and West had the Lakers so far ahead that West was able to keep them there without Elgin. But Baylor was able to play in the playoffs, and the Lakers came within a hair of besting Boston in the seventh and final game. Baylor's scoring average that year was 38.2.

In 1963, his averages were 34.0 points, 14.3 rebounds, 4.8 assists. (West, however, missed 24 games because of injury.) The Lakers were divisional champions again.

But in 1964, the wear and tears began to tell. Elgin developed calcium deposits above both knees. Playing in a condition that would lead most players to simply quit the profession, Baylor still managed to make 25.4 points a game and to hold his own as a rebounder, feeder and defender. He actually missed only two games.

Last year he still wasn't 100 per cent, but did score 27.1 a game. The knee injury that finally crippled him was not related to his former difficulties.

Now sum it all up:

In seven seasons, Baylor has averaged 30.2 points per game. He is already seventh on the all-time scoring list. Only Wilt Chamberlain, among those ahead of him, has played less than 10 years.

Remarkable? Add one more word: unselfish. If you know basketball, you know what it means to have a man who is unselfish and also gives you 30 points a game. 'Nuff said.

HAL GREER AT A GLANCE

6-2, 176. Born 6/26/36. Graduated Marshall 1958. Hometown, Huntington, West Va. Eighth season as pro. Nationals, 1958-63; 76ers, 1963-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	70	539	.433	335	.811	355	313	1413	20.2
Lifetime	518	3817	.450	2050	.810	2779	1857	9684	18.7

SPIRIT OF THE 76ERS

■ Usually, when a player is singled out as an "unsung hero," and then has another fine year, he shakes the "unsung" tag and increases his "hero" rating. Unfortunately for Hal Greer, that hasn't happened to him. The backcourt ace of the 76ers remains largely unappreciated by the public at large while continuing to draw instant response from his fellow professionals.

Hal is a 6-3 backcourt man whose over-all speed and shooting ability demand universal admiration. He's 29 years old, with seven pro seasons behind him. He averages 20 points a game, sinks 45 per cent of his shots from the floor and 82 per cent of his free throws. As Larry Costello, his older backcourt partner (who retired at the end of last season) slowed down, Hal got more and more assists. Every team he has played on has made the playoffs, and he's a four-time All-Star.

That's quite a record—yet Greer is unquestionably the least recognizable "name" among players of his calibre. Partly this is because he didn't have the biggest college reputation; partly it is because he developed gradually as a pro, on a team built for selfless blending rather than star-building.

But the most dramatic moment of last year's campaign reveals, to the proper amount of contemplation, how Greer really rates in the basketball world.

The moment came at the end of the seventh and deciding game of the semi-final playoff series between the Celtics and 76ers. It had been a savage, see-saw wild series, and the seventh game was of a piece with the rest. Philadelphia apparently had a chance to take control and to produce one of the major upsets of sports history with about five minutes to go, but blew several rebound chances in a row and Boston pulled away. But the 76ers, led by Wilt Chamberlain, kept plugging, and Boston tried to eat up the clock, and it came down to the last five seconds with Boston leading by three points—and Philadelphia got the ball.

Chamberlain took it and wheeled in for a basket as the Celtics gave him room to avoid a foul. Now

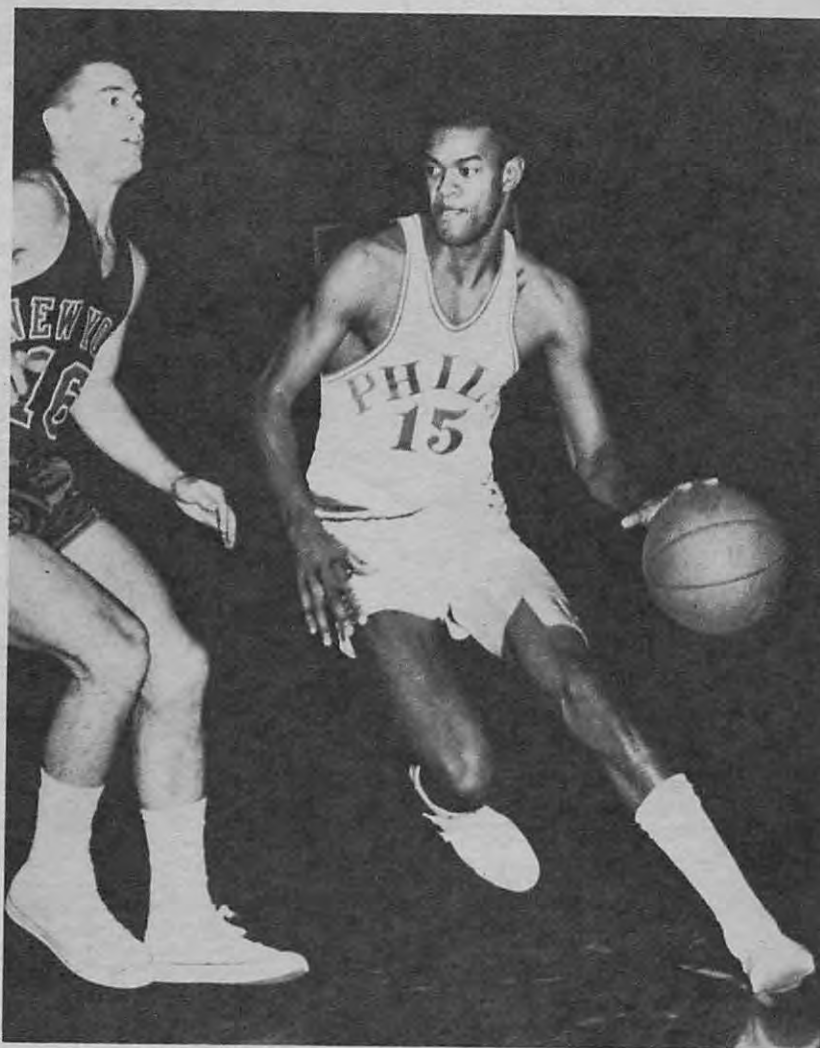


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Boston took the ball out of bounds (with the clock stopped, of course) and still seemed assured of its victory.

But an incredible thing happened: Bill Russell, in trying to throw the ball in bounds, hit one of the wires supporting the backboard. It was Philadelphia's ball—with enough time left for a game-winning shot.

Now, consider the situation: one basket wins. On your team is Wilt Chamberlain, 7 feet tall, the greatest scorer of all time, playing his heart out on this occasion and outplaying Russell by a wide margin.

In the huddle, the 76ers decide on how to set up the last shot—and they decide that they want Greer to take it. He's to take the ball out of bounds, throw it in, get free, take the return pass and put up a jump shot, the sort he makes so regularly. He may miss—but he'll never miss the rim, and Chamberlain will be there for a tip-in if he does.

It all backfires. Greer's pass in—a poor, high lob—is intercepted by John Havlicek. The last shot is never taken, and Boston wins, and goes on to keep its championship.

What, then, is so revealing? Two things: the Celtics, in their huddle, assumed correctly that the 76ers would choose Greer at that point (because Russell might block a direct pass to Chamberlain, and because Greer is so reliable); and that few experts and other dedicated onlookers second-guessed the choice of Greer.

Think about that. Then you'll see how he rates.

SAM JONES AT A GLANCE

6-4, 205. Born 6/24/33. Graduated No. Carolina College 1957. Hometown, Sharon, Mass. Ninth season as pro. Celtics, 1957-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	80	821	.452	428	.520	411	223	2070	25.9
Lifetime	569	3877	.454	1762	.792	3012	1371	9516	16.2

TOP CASHIER-INNER



PHOTO BY DON SPARKS

■ Thirty years ago, Charlie Chaplin made a movie called "Modern Times." In a classic depiction of the Machine Age madness, he was, in one scene, strapped to his place in the assembly line while a contraption fed him lunch, so that his hands could be free to keep working. Inevitably, the gadget ran out of control and started pushing food into his mouth faster than he could swallow it—and when a couple of loose bolts landed on the plate, they were shoved in also, indiscriminately, along with the food morsels.

That machine, running wild, was also a prophetic description of Sam Jones shovelling jump shots through NBA hoops like a runaway cash register.

Sam is the cash register of the Celtics in several senses. While everyone agrees that Bill Russell is the indispensable man to Boston's string of championships, Sam has been pretty indispensable too the last couple of years. Of course it's vital to the Boston system to have Russell block shots, and trigger the fast break. But it all comes to nothing unless someone cashes in the basket at the other end.

Well, Sam is the Celtics' No. 1 cashier-inner, a position he has acquired gradually. It used to be Bill Sharman and Bob Cousy, and when Sharman retired, there were many people who were sure Cousy's game would suffer and the Celtic reign would be threatened. But Sam moved into Sharman's spot and Cousy found him every bit as efficient a partner. Then Cousy retired, and that was supposed to trip up the Celtics, because now they had no backcourt. But it turned out that Sam could simply play a few

minutes longer, take a few more shots, push his per-game scoring average up a few notches (from the 14 level to the 19 level) and the Boston attack never noticed the difference.

Last year, Sam shifted into overdrive. He averaged 25.9 points a game, played in all 80, and wound up with 2,070 points, fourth in the league. And it is obvious he was cruising, since Boston won its divisional title by 14 games. Sam was needed for only 36 minutes a game; if he had played 45 minutes or so he certainly would have averaged 30 points.

Unlike West and Robertson, however, Sam doesn't have the all-round skills to the highest degree. He can't set up plays the way they can, or be that effective on defense. At his specialty, however, he is incomparable—and his specialty is putting the ball through the hoop.

Speed and touch, that's all it takes, and Sam has developed these gifts to the highest degree by endless work and gradual improvement over an eight-year career. No one can break up a game more thoroughly in a short space of time, with half a dozen or more consecutive baskets on acrobatic jump shots (from short or medium range) and lay-ups. Sam is basketball's best equivalent of baseball's streak hitter. He catches fire, and his bursts are the backbone of Boston's "big innings."

Sam is 32 years old now, but there was no indication last year that his speed was diminishing, while his skills and confidence rose to new heights. As long as Russell remains to fire the gun, Sam will be the barrel guiding the bullet to its target—and the Celtics to more titles.

■ Len Wilkens doesn't look much like a basketball player—unless you look close when a game is in progress. One unrelated thing after another has come up to distract observers from his true value.

In 1960, Lenny was a senior on a Providence College team that was starting to make a big name for itself. But there was a junior on the team named Johnny Egan, who looked much more spectacular and was being hailed as "another Cousy." Among the people insufficiently dazzled by Wilkens were the Knickerbockers, who had already entered their long decline. Obsessed with their search for a big man, although they needed backcourt help just as badly, the Knicks drafted Darrell Imhoff and passed Wilkens by.

That enabled the Hawks, who had just won four straight Western Division titles, to pick up Wilkens.

In 1961, the Hawks won again, making it five in a row. No one paid much attention to Lenny's contributions, of course. Everyone knew it was a team built around Bob Pettit, Cliff Hagan and Clyde Lovellette, who averaged 71.9 points a game among them. Of course, it took a Slater Martin in backcourt to make the big men work properly, and Slater had just retired. Wilkens, as a rookie, stepped right in and averaged 11.9 points a game himself, merely twice as much as Martin had. Lenny didn't get as many assists as Slater, but, at 6-1, he didn't get into the same kinds of trouble on defense, either.

The point is, this rookie filled a place occupied by a great pro and the Hawk machine never skipped a beat. It was the next year that the first inkling of what Wilkens really means began to dawn on the general public, especially in St. Louis.

In the 1962 season, Pettit was at his best and Hagan and Lovellette were as productive as ever—but Wilkens spent

WILKENS' RISE

LEN WILKENS AT A GLANCE

6-1, 185. Born 10/28/37. Graduated Providence 1960. Hometown, Brooklyn. Sixth season as pro. Hawks, 1960-66.

	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	Rebs.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	78	434	.414	416	.746	365	431	1284	16.5
Lifetime	326	1576	.410	1212	.730	1570	1498	4364	13.5



three-quarters of the season in the Army. All of a sudden, the Hawks couldn't get the ball up the floor; the big men couldn't get their shots set up properly; and opposing guards ran wild.

So, in one year, the five-time divisional champions fell to fourth place, failed to make the playoffs and dropped to 22 games below .500 from 23 above. That's a swing of 45 games, and it would be silly to claim that Wilkens was wholly responsible. But he was by far the biggest single factor in the change. Without him, the Hawks were a machine without a driver.

Well, in 1963, Lenny was back. Lovellette had been traded away in mid-season while Wilkens was away, and a new coach (Harry Gallatin) wanted to give the backcourt more emphasis. Wilkens finally emerged as the No. 2 man to Pettit. His feeding, driving, shooting, defending and quarterbacking started to become obvious to the fans and even to the Knicks, who kept trying to get him in a trade. He scored the usual amount and almost doubled his assist total.

And the Hawks bounced back to second place, 16 games over .500, and chased the Lakers down to the wire. The swing in the positive direction was 39 games, and again, Wilkens was the main reason.

The Hawks also finished second in 1964 and 1965, and Wilkens continued to accept more and more responsibility. As Pettit slowed down, Lenny scored more. Last year, his average went to 16.5, and his assist total to a personal high of 431, more than Martin ever got even though Martin had greater scorers up front.

By now, Wilkens is appreciated. He's been an All-Star for three straight years. How? Simple. Think of all the things a topflight backcourt man should be able to do well. Lenny does them. Night after night.



JOHN HAVLICEK AT A GLANCE

6-5, 205. Born 4/8/40. Graduated Ohio State 1962. Hometown, Adena, Ohio. Fourth season as pro. Celtics, 1962-66.

	G	FG	FC%	FT	FT%	Reb.	A	TP	Av
1964-65	75	570	.401	235	.744	371	199	1375	18.3
Lifetime	235	1693	.419	724	.741	1333	616	4110	17.5

SUPER UTILITY MAN

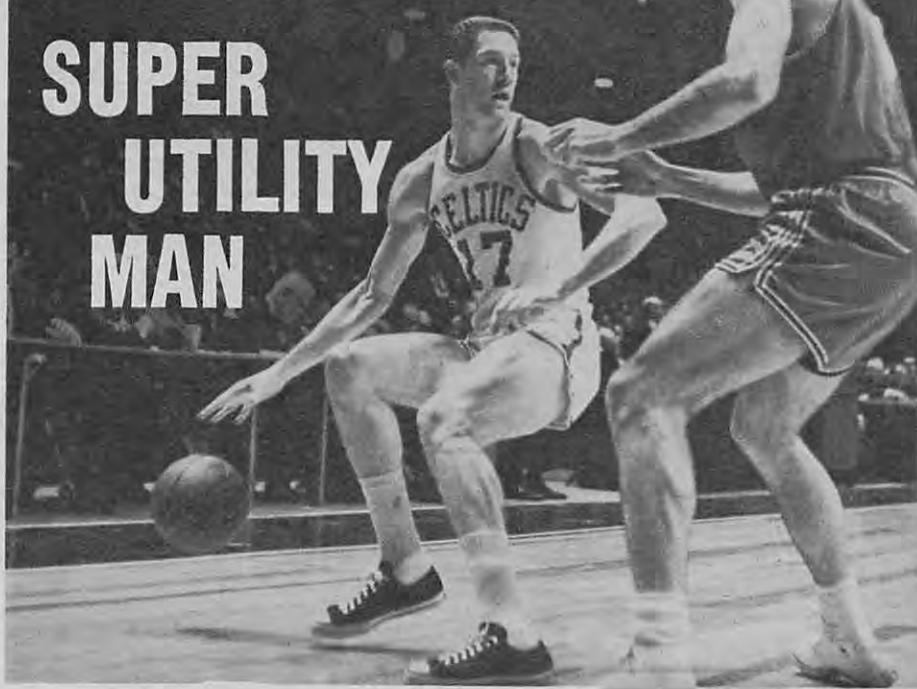


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■ Astonishing is the only word for John Havlicek, a 6-foot-5 Ohioan with an angular build, a friendly-homely face, eyes that crinkle when he smiles and immeasurable value to the World Champion Celtics.

Havlicek ranks as one of the biggest "bargains" in pro basketball history. At Ohio State, he wasn't quite an unsung teammate of Jerry Lucas, but he certainly sang, or played, second fiddle. He was the "supporting" forward for center Lucas on three Big Ten champions, one NCAA champion and two NCAA runners-up. When he finished his senior year in 1962, all the basketball world worried about whether Lucas would play pro or not. Havlicek? Big Ten fans knew him as a rugged corner man, obviously not big enough to be a first-rate pro as a rebounder and in no sense a big scorer; to the rest of the basketball community, he was Havli-who?

So the Celtics, having won their fifth league title in six years, picked up Havlicek on the last pick of the first round of the draft. Cincinnati had exercised territorial rights to Lucas; New York was hugging itself at acquiring Paul Hogue; the second-year Chicago team was settling for part-time use of Terry Dischinger, and Detroit knew it had a good one in Dave DeBusschere. Not one cry of anguish was heard when the powerful Celtics added Havlicek.

And not much publicity surrounded his early efforts. Bob Cousy, Sam Jones, K.C. Jones and Frank Ramsey were still on hand for backcourt, so it was obvious that no college cornerman was going to get a job there. And up front were Tom Heinsohn, Tom Sanders and Jim Loscut-

off—all bigger, all veterans of championship teams, all fitting perfectly into some corner of Boston's winning pattern.

As it turned out, though, Havlicek had several not-so-visible long suits: versatility, adaptability, competitive fire, exceptional team spirit, the ability to rise to the heights in clutch situations. He could shoot, pass, rebound, defend more effectively than people thought—and most of all, he could learn, practice, work, fit in.

By the end of his rookie year, Havlicek ranked fourth among the Celtics in time played and in scoring. Cousy was playing out his last year, but the man Havlicek really replaced was Ramsey, hailed for years as "the greatest sixth man in basketball."

Havlicek took over Ramsey's old functions—filling in equally well in front court or backcourt as situations arose, sparking second-quarter rallies when coming off the bench, stealing victories in the closing minutes. But he added dimensions of his own. He scored more, rebounded better, guarded tougher.

In his second year, Havlicek actually led the Celtics in scoring, with 19.9 points per game—more than he had ever made in college. Last year he scored a trifle less, but was more valuable than ever. And in the clutchiest moment of all, it was he who intercepted the pass that prevented the 76ers from getting off the last-second shot that could have knocked out the Celtics in the seventh game of the semi-finals.

Coach Red Auerbach has many right decisions to look back on, but he never made a better one than the choice of Havlicek, basketball's super-star utility man.

SIZING UP THE PROS

Boston in the East, Los Angeles in the West. That's how Leonard Koppett sizes up the NBA division races for '66. And look for the Celtics to prevail—for the ninth time in ten years—in the championship playoff.

EASTERN DIVISION

BOSTON: Seeking eighth straight championship, Celtics have new owners but same coach, Red Auerbach, and same Bill Russell at center. Remain team to beat as long as Russell is able to operate. Everything else is on hand in abundance: speed, experience, depth, offense, defense, steadiness. The Jones boys, now first-line stars in own right, divide work: Sam concentrates on scoring, K.C. on defense. John Havlicek, Satch Sanders, Tommy Heinsohn, Willie Naulls, in whatever proportions, round out versatile and explosive team. Larry Siegfried and Ron Bonham, young backcourt performers, developed well late in season. One point of vulnerability remains: Russell—if made unavailable by injury, or if unexpectedly hindered by age or decreased incentive (he'll be 32 before season is over). No really effective back-up man for him has come along yet. Last year's subs, John Thompson and Mel Counts, weren't exactly overwhelming.

CINCINNATI: Both Oscar Robertson and Jerry Lucas had to contend with certain amount of injury last year, and Royals weren't quite as impressive as they had been year before. Now, however, with this combination starting its third year, it must still be ranked as Boston's heir apparent. So far, Wayne Embry, a good enough center, simply hasn't been able to contend with Russell, either man-to-man when teams play, or in consistency through whole schedule. Help is hoped for from 6-10 Nate Bowman, more of rebounder than scorer, and Bob "Butterbean" Love, a 6-8 forward from Southern University. Adrian Smith proved excellent backcourt partner for Oscar last year, and Jack Twyman still packs punch as "the scoring forward" alongside Lucas. Tom Hawkins, Jay Arnette and Happy Hairston provide relief. Arlen Backhorn has retired.

PHILADELPHIA: Wilt Chamberlain is whole story for 76ers, who brought him back to Philadelphia in middle of last season and almost went all the way with him. Starting new season from scratch, coach Dolph Schayes will have to adjust entire team to make maximum use of Wilt's abilities, and fact that traditional style of club is changing anyhow will help. Larry Costello, the quarterback, has retired, and Bill Cunningham, 6-5 rookie from North Carolina, is being counted on instead. With Hal Greer, an all-star scoring guard, Al Bianchi will remain ranking older feeder. To flank Chamberlain up front, 76ers have Lucious Jackson, who had good rookie year last season; Chet Walker, Dave Gambee and Ben Warley, all experienced but not quite top-drawers; and 6-7 newcomer from Elon named Jesse Branson who might make it. If Chamberlain has great year, 76ers could challenge Cincinnati; otherwise it's matter of saving third and going for broke in playoffs.

NEW YORK: At long last, Knicks made noticeable improvement last year. Although they finished fourth for sixth year in a row, they won more games and gave rookie crop plenty of practice. Harry Gallatin, who took over as coach in January, will be able to work out his strong ideas from start. Two sophomore big men, Willie Reed and Jim Barnes, are main hopes for continued improvement. Bob Boozer, Johnny Egan, Tom Gola and Johnny Green are ranking veterans. What, if anything, will become of Art Heyman and Barry Kramer will take up lots of newspaper space, and their talent can't be automatically ignored. New York's top draft choice, Dave Stallworth, is highly-regarded all-round talent. But since Bill Bradley was so set on an Oxford education—well, anything other than last again in the division will be big upset.

WESTERN DIVISION

LOS ANGELES: Assuming that Elgin Baylor has recovered from knee operation, Baylor-West Lakers must be favored to win Western Division title for the fourth time in five years. Supporting West in backcourt will be Dick Barnett, who scores, and Gail Goodrich, rookie who made UCLA click in winning two NCAA titles. (Of course, a year ago, people thought it was Walt Hazzard who did that, and Lakers got him, too, and he didn't do anything.) Club's weakness is up front because Rudy LaRusso, good as he is, can't carry whole burden alone. Gene Wiley and LeRoy Ellis, centers, are inconsistent, but are young enough to be still improving. Last year's big boost came from Jim King, who did well in inheriting Frank Selvy's backcourt spot. When all goes right, this is best-equipped team in the division.

BALTIMORE: Bullets have only new coach in league, but he's not new. Paul Seymour had conspicuous success in Syracuse and St. Louis. Paul is a driver and an intense team-unity teacher, and can have great effect on considerable talent this club possesses. Walt Bellamy, at center, despite impressive statistics, has not matched rookie-year effectiveness for two years, but is still one of few men capable of playing Chamberlain and Russell on even terms. Bailey Howell and Gus Johnson complete powerful front court, Don Ohl is an outstanding shooter from backcourt, and Kevin Loughery had moments as playmaker. Top draft choice is Jerry Sloan, 6-6 Evansville product chosen for defensive ability. Gary Bradds, who had an unimpressive rookie year, may do more. Bullets must be rated as strongest contender for Laker title.

ST. LOUIS: Hawks face major readjustment. Bob Pettit has retired; Cliff Hagan's future is hard to evaluate; Richie Guerin, who took over as coach in mid-season, will remain on active list but avoid playing

1965 STANDING AND TEAM STATISTICS

EASTERN DIVISION							Scoring Avg.	
	W	L	Pct.	FG%	FT%	Reb.	For	Agst.
Boston	62	18	.775	.414	.731	5748	112.8	104.5
Cincinnati	48	32	.600	.447	.757	5387	114.2	111.9
Philadelphia	40	40	.500	.422	.738	5246	112.5	112.7
New York	31	49	.388	.426	.713	5206	107.4	111.1
WESTERN DIVISION								
Los Angeles	49	31	.613	.437	.763	5231	111.9	109.9
St. Louis	45	35	.563	.424	.736	5208	108.8	105.8
Baltimore	37	43	.463	.442	.714	5298	113.6	115.8
Detroit	31	49	.388	.418	.689	5394	108.5	111.9
San Francisco	17	63	.213	.403	.640	5715	105.8	112.0
EAST PLAYOFFS —Philadelphia defeated Cincinnati, 3 games to 1; Boston defeated Philadelphia, 4 games to 3. WEST PLAYOFFS —Baltimore defeated St. Louis, 3 games to 1; Los Angeles defeated Baltimore, 4 games to 2. FINAL —Boston defeated Los Angeles, 4 games to 1.								

fulltime unless emergencies arise. Hawks, so long successful with star system, have to go all-out for balance now. Lenny Wilkens, presiding in backcourt, is one big asset. Zelmo Beaty, starting third year at center, is considered to have arrived. Forwards will be used in attempt to dominate the boards rather than for high scoring—Bill Bridges, Gene Tormohlen, Jim Washington (top draft choice from Villanova), Mike Farmer, Paul Silas. Guerin hopes Jeff Mullins, Duke All-America of two years ago, can replace him in backcourt. If Hawks challenge top two teams, it will be surprise, but if they don't stay ahead of other two, it will also be surprise.

SAN FRANCISCO: Trading Chamberlain in mid-season, Warriors were left with one of poorer teams of recent NBA history. To make any appreciable change, two top draft choices will have to make it big: Rick Barry, spectacular scorer from Miami (Fla.), and Fred Hetzel, a widely admired, all-around big man from Davidson. Hetzel is 6-8, and Barry (who led country with a 37 ppg average) is a skinny 6-6. They'll flank Nate Thurmond, 6-11 center starting third pro season. The best forward, perhaps, is Tom Meschery. However, backcourt composed of Guy Rodgers, Al Attles, Paul Neumann and Gary Phillips is not much of a match for NBA as now constituted.

DETROIT: Pistons, who made young Dave DeBusschere player-coach early last season, did better than could be expected. But now Terry Dischinger, high scorer they obtained a year ago in big trade with Baltimore, has gone into service. DeBusschere will be playing coach again, and since he plays backcourt, Pistons are big team physically: Reggie Harding, Ray Scott, Joe Caldwell and Jackie Moreland represent good bit of power up front. Scoring, of course, is another matter. Eddie Miles and Rod Thorn are ranking backcourt men aside from DeBusschere. Pistons and Warriors will probably battle it out for fourth place, but neither will make playoffs unless St. Louis has a bad year.

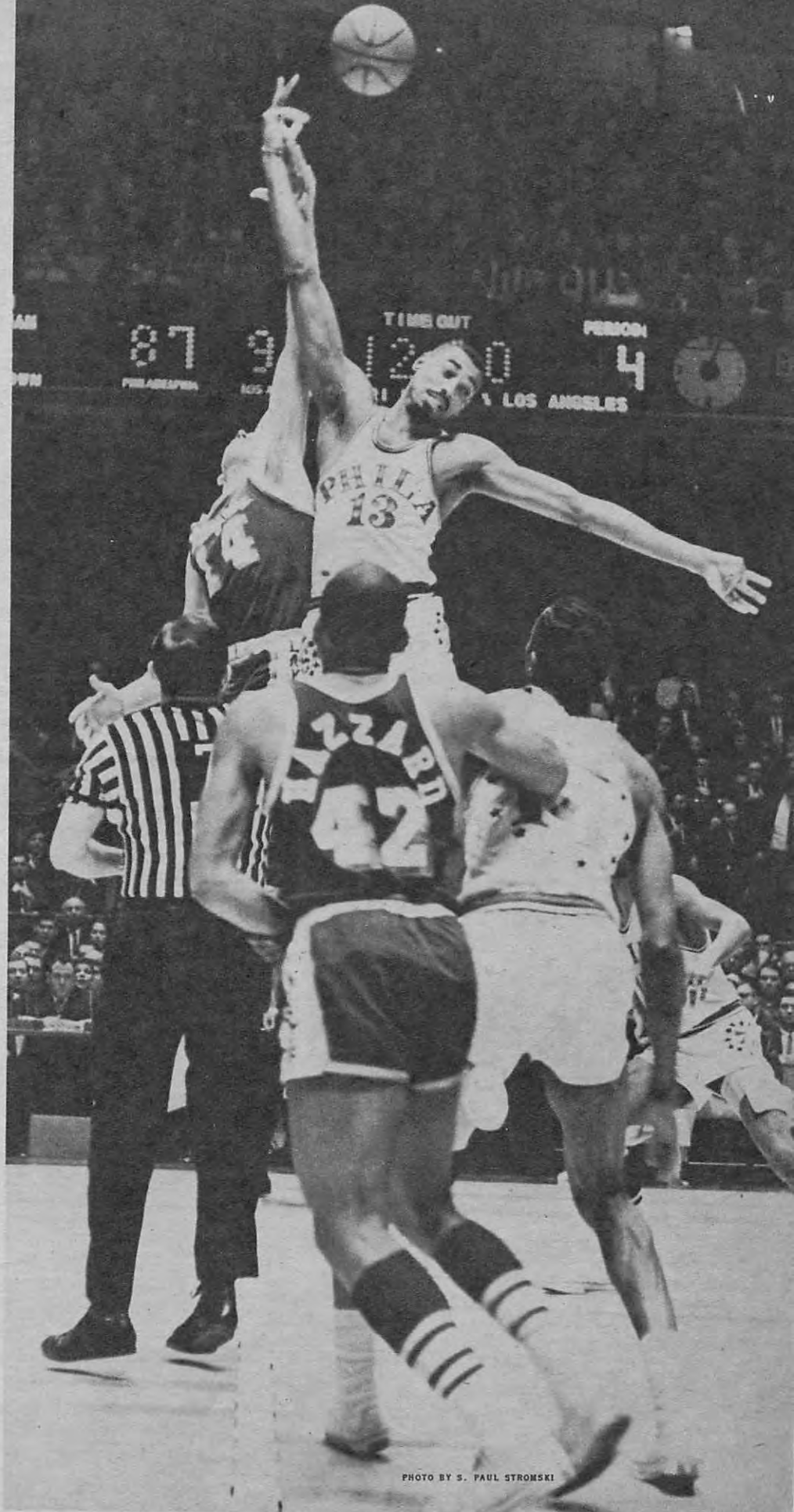


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WARRIORS' WILT CHAMBERLAIN and Lakers' Darrall Imhoff vie for a jump ball.

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Michigan

DAVE BING
Syracuse

CLYDE LEE
Vanderbilt

HENRY FINKEL
Dayton

JOHN AUSTIN
Boston College

2ND TEAM

DUB MALAISE
Texas Tech

DAVE SCHELLHASE
Purdue

EDGAR LACEY
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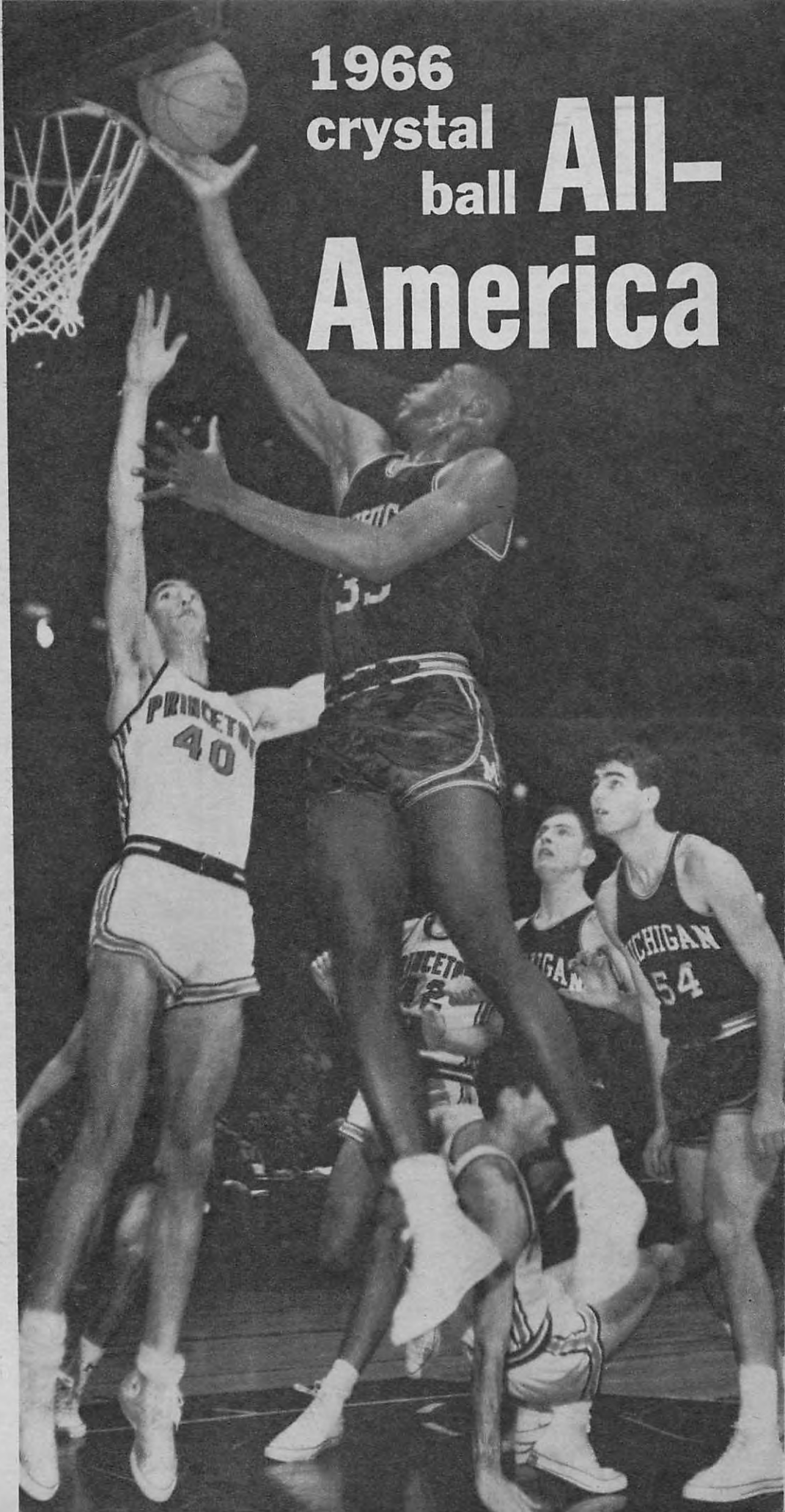
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Michigan's ONE-MAN GANG

By JERRY GREEN

• Cazzie Russell lay flat on his back on the narrow, green locker room bench. His tan, still-buttoned sports jacket with "Michigan" written across the pocket in blue needlepoint was hardly rumpled. Gametime was an hour away. It was a perfect time and place for Russell to take a nap.

Ten minutes later Russell was awake, overflowing with his inborn enthusiasm and wandering toward courtside in the Big Ten fieldhouse to watch the preliminary game.

"I do this a lot," said the best basketball player ever to attend Michigan, where football has the rich tradition and basketball only recently gained full acceptance. "A nap relaxes me, takes away the tension, lets me concentrate on the game."

There have been times when Russell was the single most relaxed person connected with Michigan basketball. Six times last winter, as Michigan made a deeper impression nationally than ever before, impending defeats somehow were made into victories in the final 95 seconds.

Russell was the master showman, the director and lead performer in these dramas. In five of the six escapes, he scored the winning points. It was the only way Michigan survived long enough to reach the final of the NCAA tournament for the first time.

"Cazzie," said coach Dave Strack, whose team won 47 games and lost but nine while Russell averaged 25 points over his first two seasons, "makes my day just by showing up for practice. I'd like to think we have a fairly scientific offense. It's the same as we used when we were 6 and 18. But frankly, sometimes we just clear a man out of Russell's way."

Russell's specialty, the game-winner, beat Wichita, Princeton, Indiana, Illinois and Vanderbilt last sea-

son when he was a unanimous All-American as a junior.

1. Russell's jump shot at the buzzer nips Wichita, then ranked No. 1, 87-85. Wichita leads by three points with 60 seconds left, but Russell then scores three baskets.

2. Russell's jump shot with three seconds left edges Princeton, 80-78, in Madison Square Garden. Bill Bradley wins the publicized duel with Russell, getting 41 points before fouling out with 3:37 to go and Princeton ahead by 13. But Russell scores 27 himself, leads a fantastic comeback and wins game.

3. Michigan trails Indiana by seven points with 57 seconds left in regulation, by four with 26 left in overtime and wins, 96-95, in double overtime. Russell's two free throws with 45 seconds to go provide the tying and winning points.

4. Russell scores five points in the last 33 seconds as Michigan overtakes Illinois for another last-minute victory, 80-79. Illinois leads by eight late in the second half.

5. Russell's basket with 1:35 remaining puts Michigan ahead to stay in 87-85 victory over Vanderbilt in final of Mid-East NCAA regional. Vanderbilt leads by three with 2½ minutes to go, but Russell swings the game to Michigan with 11 of his 26 points in final few minutes.

"Those other teams concentrate on trying to stop one man," said Cazzie Russell a few days before Michigan won its first undisputed Big Ten basketball championship in 17 years last March. "That's why they lose. We're not a one-man team." Says Russell!

Narrow escape victory No. 6 was against Michigan State. Michigan is down by 12 points in this one and wins, 103-98, in overtime. Bill Buntin scores

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**CAZZIE
RUSSELL**
Michigan
6-5½
218 pounds

**MICHIGAN
33**

■ Summer-time basketball in Washington, D.C., has a way of stamping greatness on the players who perform in the more or less informal program. All-American Bill Bradley of Princeton spent the last summer of his undergraduate days in the nation's capital, and John Thompson picked up precious tips that helped make him a standout when he was at Providence.

The list of premier collegians that has developed through Washington's summer program is too long to tabulate. But joining John Austin of Boston College on Dell's All-America team is Dave Bing of Syracuse.

While some of the collegiate players visit the capital during vacation periods for the sole purpose of playing basketball, Bing is a home-grown product of Washington. The 6-3 jumping-jack, who can touch the rim with his elbow while rebounding, came out of Spingara High School to become the greatest scorer in Orange history since Vin Cohen in 1956-57.

But Bing, a well-liked, retiring young man with a shy smile, is much more than just a scorer for coach Fred Lewis' squad. Lewis can juggle Bing to the forecourt or backcourt and knows he will get a solid job in either role. It was Bing who was chiefly responsible for Syracuse righting itself last season, winning 11 of its last 13 games after a miserable start.

Bing's emergence as an All-American comes as a surprise to no one. He was tabbed for greatness as a frosh when he had a 25-point plus average, and the raves and accolades he has collected since then have been numerous.

Typical quote on Bing from Syracuse's opposition is this from coach Bob Timmons of Pitt: "He's tremendous. He hangs up in the air so long you think he is never coming down."

Everywhere that Bing plays, whether it's in a winning or losing effort, or in the Garden or the hinterlands, the sum total of the Orange star is the same: He's great.

As a soph, he tallied 556 points for a 22.2 ppg norm for the best production by a second-year player at Syracuse. These statistics led the team, and last year as a junior he added the rebounding crown and again led the scoring parade.

Added to his 533 points, the most by a junior on Piety Hill, and his 23.2 ppg average, which placed him 26th in the nation, Dave took down 12 rebounds a game. His best rebounding game saw him clean the boards 22 times. While statistics for road games are unavailable, Bing averaged five assists a game when the Orange was playing at home.

While registering 30 or more points in four games, Bing had his greatest scoring night in Syracuse's 93-90, three-overtime victory over neighboring Colgate. Bing had 45 points, another Syracuse record.

It's no wonder Orange coach Lewis compares Bing with the great Oscar Robertson and simply states, "Bing does everything well."

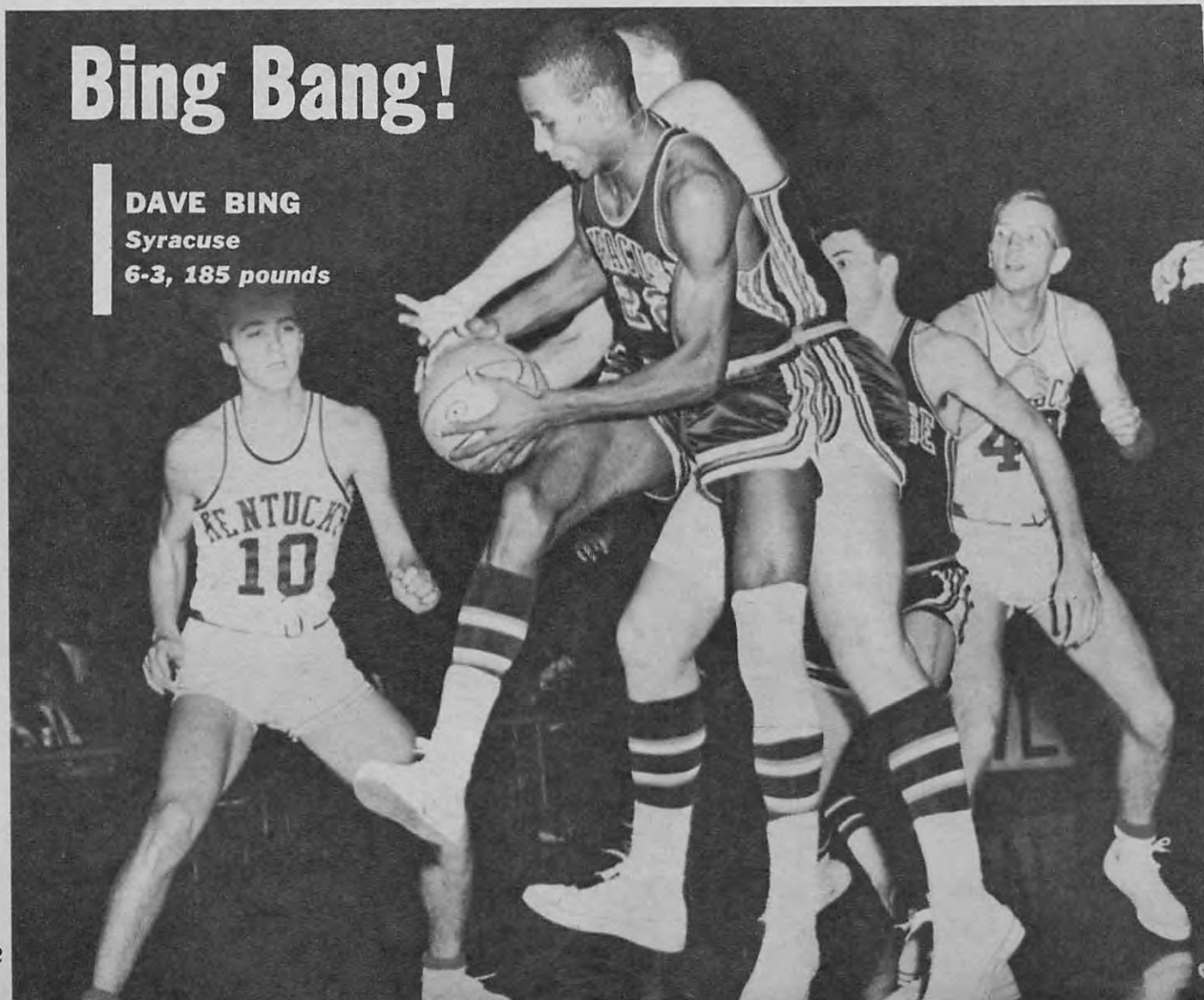
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Bing Bang!

DAVE BING

Syracuse

6-3, 185 pounds



CLYDE LEE
Vanderbilt
6-9, 200 pounds

A Dandy at Vandy

■ The name Lee stands for leadership in the South, and that's exactly what Clyde Lee gives to Vanderbilt's basketball team. Clyde personally led the Commodores from a tie for fourth place in the Southeastern Conference two years ago to the league championship and a trip to the NCAA tournament last March.

As SEC champ, Vanderbilt extinguished De Paul in the NCAA and then ran into Michigan, only to lose by two points, 87-85, when the Commodores' backcourt fell apart in the waning minutes because of foul trouble. The point is, the Commodores never would have got that far without Lee.

Now that the 6-9 behemoth is a senior, SEC buffs, and Vandy fans in particular, are wondering how far Lee will carry the Commodores this winter. Because of the presence of Lee, Vandy is a dandy again and a favorite for the league crown.

To trace his career chronologically is interesting because he was an agile performer, despite his size, back in his scholastic days at Lipscomb High School in Nashville. He had the uncanny ability to rebound and follow a shot. This asset is as much the name of the game as defense or jump-shooting.

This rebounding skill really came to the forefront when he was a frosh at Vanderbilt because his retrieve average was almost as much as his scoring. While pumping the ball into the hoop at a 24.2-point clip, he also was cleaning the boards 22.5 times a game.

Joining the varsity as a soph, Lee's scoring norm dipped to 18.8 ppg, but that figure still represents a great transition from freshman to varsity ball. His shooting was more accurate with 52.9 per cent and he poured in 471 points. Playing among the upper classmen didn't hurt his rebounding and he came down with 391 caroms.

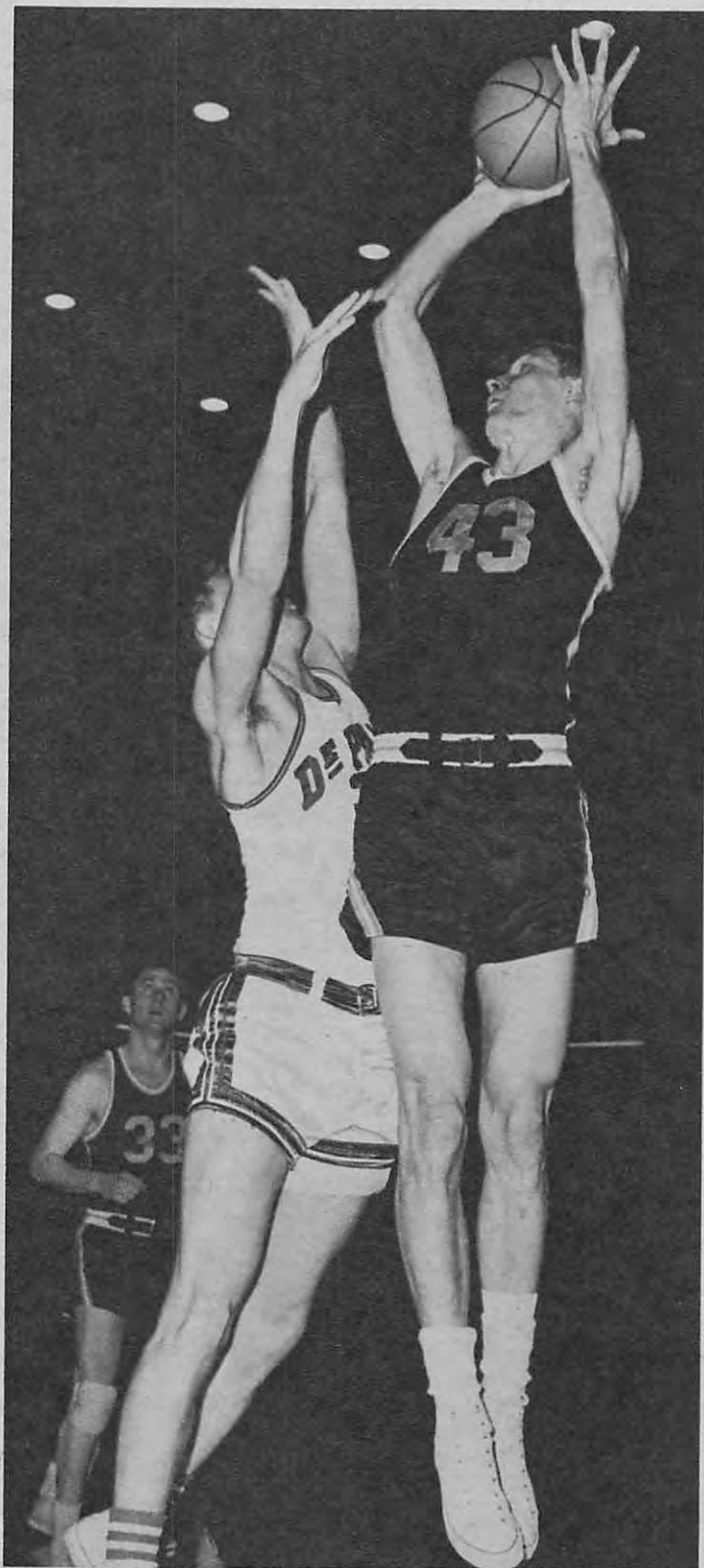
Then, Lee came into his own as a junior and became "Mr. Basketball" at Vanderbilt, being accorded so many accolades it's difficult to list them all. He was voted the MVP in several national polls for the conference and the SEC selected him as player of the year.

The figure that gained these honors for Lee are his 631 total points and a 22.5 average while shooting with a 46.3 per cent of accuracy. And then, there was his rebounding—420 retrieves.

The quiet, soft-spoken cager hit a high point when he tallied 41 against Kentucky, hitting on 16 of 22 shots. Then, he had 27 rebounds against Georgia.

The 200-pounder, who spends some of his spare time addressing youth groups, tallied 28 points against Michigan in the Mid-East Regional final and was named the MVP and to the all-tourney team. The MVP tag is a habit with him because he was just that in the Vanderbilt and Sugar Bowl tourneys.

Last season, Lee was a second-team All-American in wire service polls, but this season, his last for Vandy, Lee is a first-rate All-American all the way.



High Flyer

HENRY FINKEL

Dayton

7-0, 240 pounds

■ Dayton's ambitious schedule takes the Flyers on a big-city tour that includes Philadelphia, New Orleans, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York and Buffalo, and their big attraction is Henry Finkel, one of the best big men in the country.

For Finkel, who is playing his final varsity season, these road trips will serve as a gold-plated opportunity to show his followers, and critics alike, what makes an All-American. He doesn't need the exposure because he already has the credentials to earn him Dell's All-America status.

But being competitive, the seven-foot Finkel welcomes the chance to show why he is the most accurate shooter in college ball this winter. Finkel rolled up 733 points while shooting with a 65.1 per cent accuracy last season.

This percentage placed him second in the nation only to Tim Kehoe of St. Peter's of Jersey City, N.J. Kehoe, who has now been graduated, shot 66 per cent for the national crown, and both of these players came extremely close to playing on the same team for the Jersey college.

Finkel enrolled at St. Peter's, and after falling behind with his studies attended Hunter College. The big All-American almost decided to abandon college completely, but his mother urged Henry to get his degree and he started fresh at Dayton.

After getting his eligibility certified by the NCAA, the 240-pound cager began to carve a name for himself. His performance last season while the Flyers were compiling a 22-7 record was something short of amazing.

The 23-year-old giant smashed four Dayton records with his 293 field goals, his 65.1 per cent shooting and 733 points. The latter total made him the highest scorer in Dayton history for a season and he was the first to go over 700 points. His 25.3 ppg average made him the 12th highest scorer in the country and accounted for the fourth record.

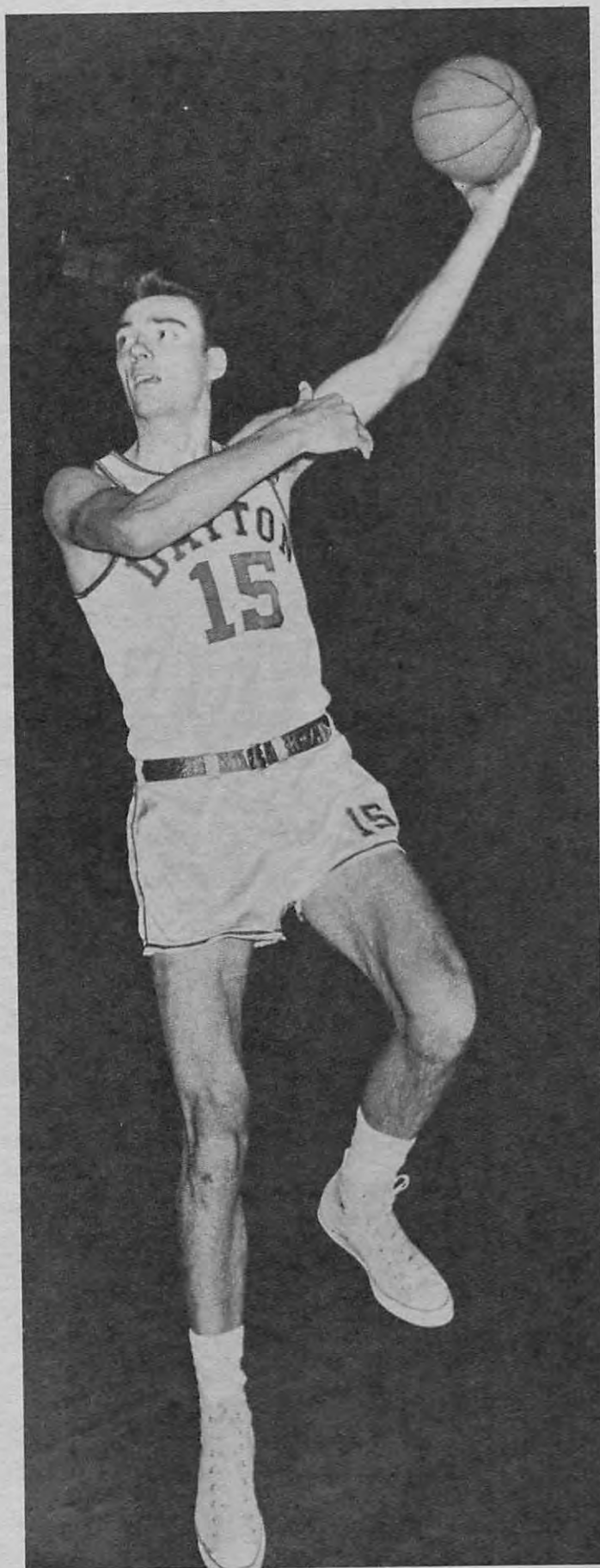
The Union City, N.J., native showed why he was the MVP of the Flyers for two straight years with his rebounding. As if his great offensive punch wasn't enough, Finkel cleared the boards 431 times for a 14.9 norm which ranked him 15th nationally.

An all-district choice of the United States Basketball Writers' Association, Finkel has the statistics behind him to douse cold water on the critics who call him slow and say he doesn't shoot from the outside.

By taking his mother's advice, Finkel is getting his degree and had to turn his back on a \$25,000, two-year, no-cut contract from the pros. This took intelligence and courage.

Coach Don Donoher is glad Henry decided to stay in college because the mentor feels this way: "Our center, Henry Finkel, holds the key to how far we go . . ."

Last year the Flyers made the NCAA tourney as an at-large entry, and with Finkel firing the ball with his usual accuracy, they should make it again.



■ Boston College was losing to Wisconsin, 85-84, with three seconds on the clock in the Milwaukee Classic. But the Eagles had possession of the ball because of an offensive foul against the Badgers.

John Austin, a Dell All-American, said to coach Bob Cousy: "Get me the ball, coach; I'll put it in the hole for you."

Austin did exactly what he promised and pulled the game out for Boston College.

Later, Cousy said, "Somehow I knew he would—and he did. With Badgers all around, John shook loose, caught the pass from out-of-bounds, took two galloping steps, and with astounding timing, let go a 35-foot jump shot that whistled through the strings as the buzzer sounded."

That clutch play excited but didn't astound followers of the Eagles because "Austin from Boston" makes a habit of scoring with rapidity for B.C. The Washington, D.C., resident came to Madison Square Garden and threw in 42 points against NYU and 40 against St. John's in the NIT last March. The latter game was only the second John's mother ever saw the 6-0, 170-pounder play in college.

In the Milwaukee Classic, John set a tourney mark of 36 points against Wisconsin, and the following night, against national champion UCLA, the B.C. star added 34 tallies for a total of 70 points and another tournament record.

With a sprained right wrist, Austin scored 21 points as a portsider against Wisconsin in the Hawaii Invitational Tourney, had 32 in one half against Hawaii and then 43 against Utah State in overtime.

This sounds like a scoring machine, but Austin, who was seventh nationally with his 26.9 ppg average, isn't. The former Archbishop Carroll and De Matha High School All-American is a complete basketball player who can dribble and shoot with the best of them.

As the first Negro to play for Boston College, John has been a sensation on and off the court. He is genuinely liked and respected by his classmates and fellow team members. Even opponents like him, although he kills them with his scoring.

Austin started playing when he was four years old for the Police Boys Club in Washington, the hub for many great cagers—especially in the summer time. By the time he was 12, he was voted the outstanding player for the Washington Boys Club and won a \$5,000 prize for his club.

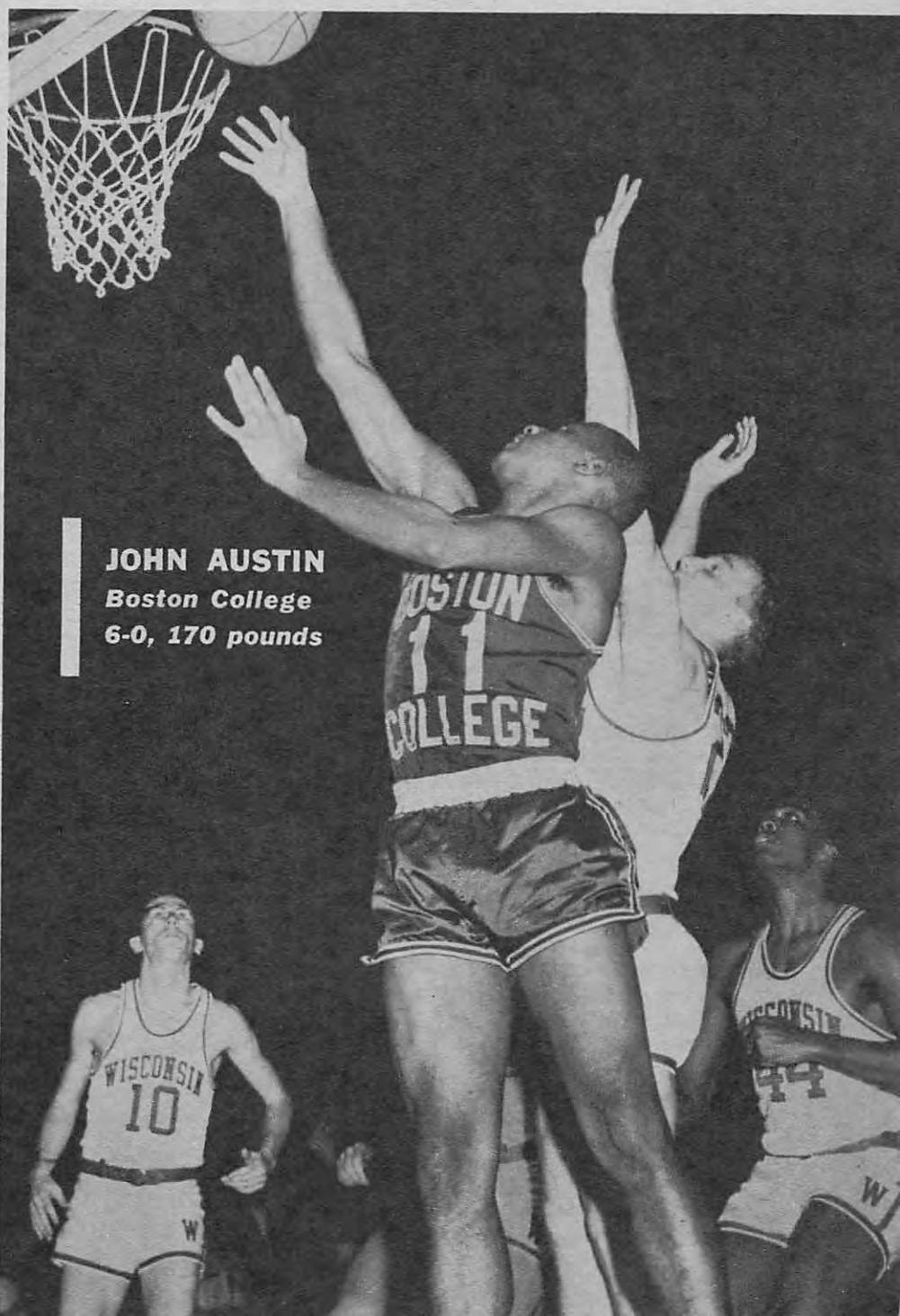
From a basketball beginning, John has blossomed into a true star, but it hasn't affected him. He wants to give something back and spends some of his leisure time on the South End and Roxbury districts of Boston, trying to interest youth in basketball.

He wants to be a social worker when

he is graduated, but the pro teams—namely the Boston Celtics—probably will have their say first.

When coach Bob Cousy saw Austin play his first game as a frosh, he said, "John Austin will be a great one before he's through." How right Mr. Basketball was.

'Austin from Boston'



JOHN AUSTIN
Boston College
6-0, 170 pounds

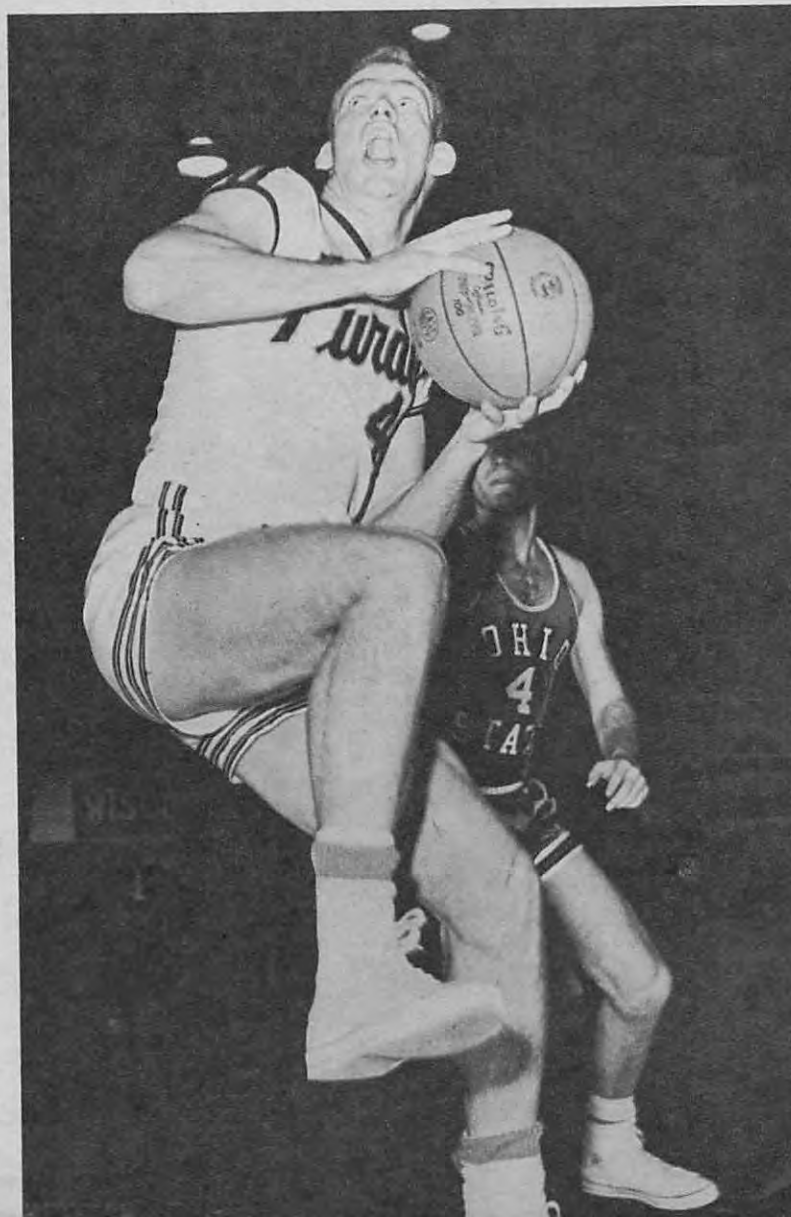
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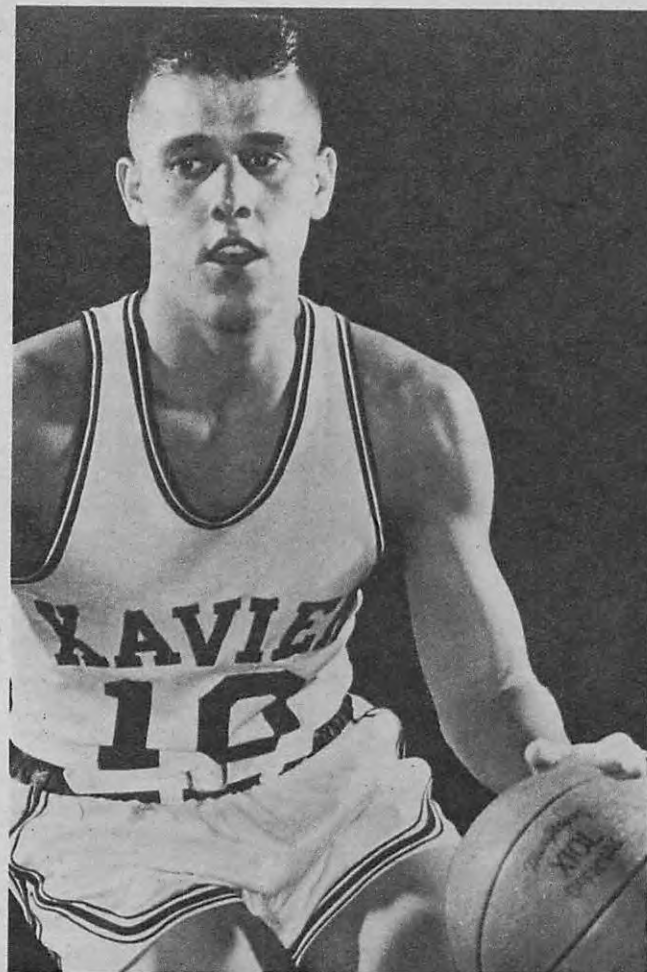
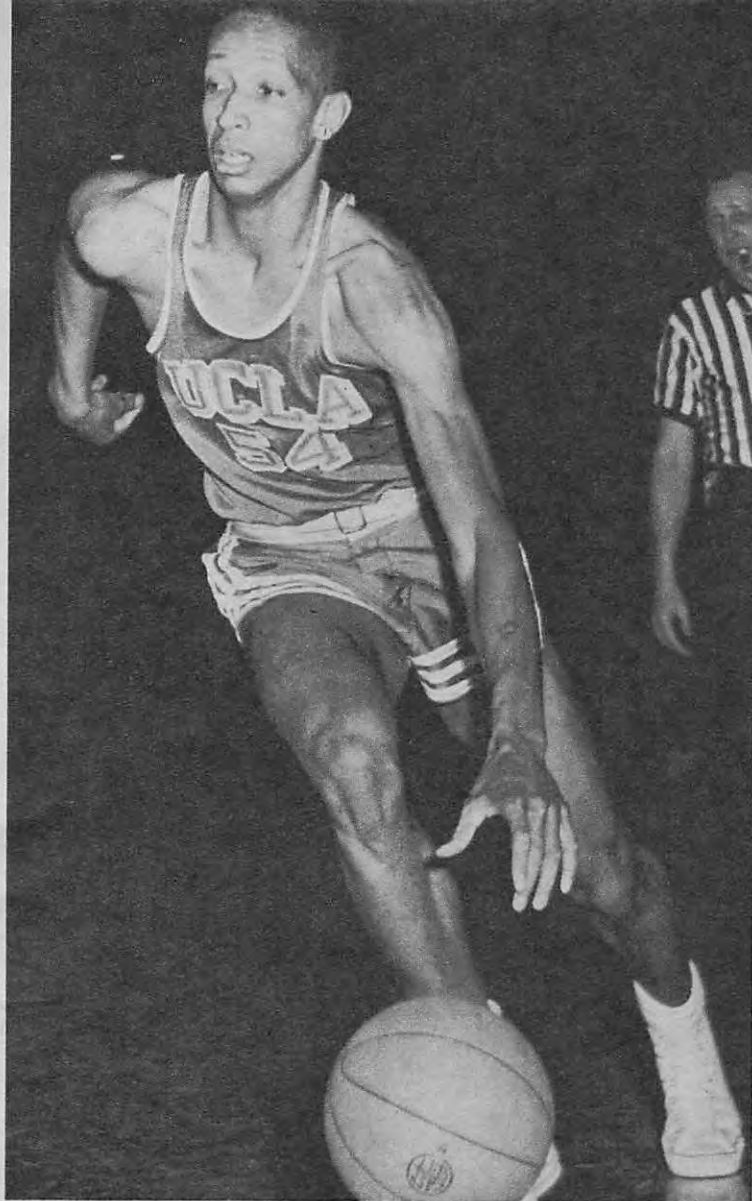


JOHN (DUB) MALAISE, Texas Tech, was the leading scorer in 16 of the Red Raiders' 23 games last season. In helping the team to set 20 school scoring records, Dub was invaluable with his floor generalship, dribbling and passing. In 107-89 victory over SMU, for example, he had 30 points, six assists and several steals besides helping Tech to keep possession of the ball the final four minutes with his crafty dribbling. This 5-11 senior averaged 23.7 ppg, including a high of 40 against Wyoming. Johnny Swain, TCU scout, reported: "If you press him he'll drive by you; if you lay off, he's the greatest bomber I've seen from 20-25 feet out. He makes lots of fakes and he's the best I've ever seen feeding the ball."

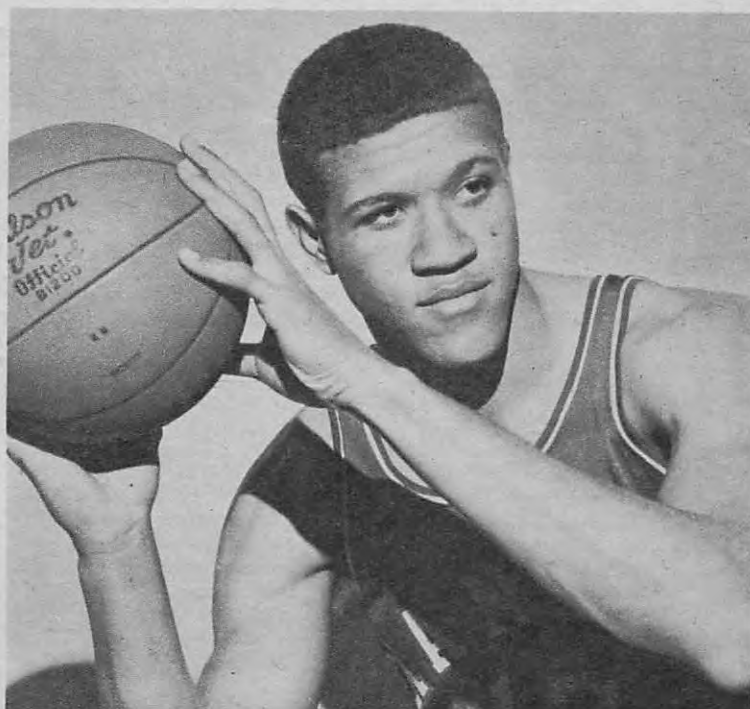
DAVE SCHELLHASE, Purdue, has used every shot in the book to average 26.9 ppg through 48 varsity contests the past two seasons. Take any goal in sight, hand a basketball to the 6-4 senior, and in no time at all he'll demonstrate why he's one of the nation's most prolific scorers. "If I don't get in double figures, I'm not doing my job," Schellhase says, "but regardless of how many points I score, I never feel I've played a perfect game. I like to get in close to the basket; I like to get fouled and have at least eight free throws a game; and I like to rebound. This is a game of quickness and movement, but anytime I can get free for a pass or shot, and anytime I see an opening for the basket, I'm obligated to go for a score or get fouled." That from the Big Ten scoring champ.

EDGAR LACEY, UCLA, was one of college basketball's leading "rookies" last season. After being a top reserve for the first five games, the 6-6 sophomore jumping-jack was promoted to the starting five. Lacey is a truly exciting player to watch, and as one writer said of his rebounding and jumping prowess. "He hovers around the basket like some giant, prehistoric bird, leaving only the net after he cleans the board." Lacey also has a deceptive, shuffle movement on offense, described by UCLA coach John Wooden as a "long step." Says Wooden: "It looks as if he's traveling at times, and sometimes he is. However, for the most part I just think the officials can't believe that anyone can make a move like that toward the basket." Edgar has all the moves and ability to be a great one. Led team with 10.5 rebounding average.





STEVE THOMAS, Xavier, will get to play in only 18 of the Musketeers' 26 scheduled games, but even that is something of a "bonus." Steve injured his knee against Duquesne midway through last season and required surgery, causing him to miss the second semester, hence the OK to play the first half of this campaign. So it's necessary to go back to 1963-64 to get a full-season line on Steve. That was the campaign he poured in 779 points for a 30.0 ppg mark and hit such highs as 50 vs. Detroit, 45 vs. Cincinnati and 41 vs. St. Francis (Pa.). Last year, the sturdy six-footer hit for 405 points before his injury, boosting his career total to 1,635. Steve doesn't plan on playing pro ball (his career in business comes first), but he hopes to hook up with an AAU team and possibly get a crack at making 1968 Olympics.



WALT WESLEY, Kansas, is living in the giant shadow of his idol, Wilt Chamberlain. The 7-foot senior wears Wilt's old uniform number, 13, and has Wilt's old disc jockey radio show on the KU campus station. He's also the Big Eight Conference's best scorer since Chamberlain roamed the Midlands. Last season, Wonderful Walt was the only unanimous choice on the all-Big Eight team, and his 26.5 ppg average was the third highest in league history. Coach Ted Owens firmly believes that Wesley could become one of the greatest All-Americans in KU history. "He works hard to learn each point of the game," reports Owens, "and his steady improvement is a credit to his willingness to give extra effort."

WALKER



HUDSON

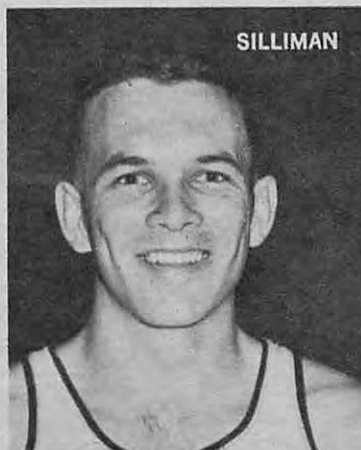


LOU HUDSON, Minnesota, has excellent speed and quickness, not to mention exceptional vertical spring. The 6-5 senior also possesses great hands. His best shot is a jumper, and he can drive and dunk the ball with a defender on him. Lou has been a starter since his first game as a soph and the Gophers' leading scorer the past two seasons. His best game last year was against Indiana, when he hit on 12 of 21 field goal attempts, blocked seven shots and grabbed 10 rebounds. Coach John Kundla regards Hudson as "one of the finest players ever to compete at Minnesota." His 558 points last season is a school record.

JIM WALKER, Providence, astonished a lot of people with his smooth all-round play as a sophomore last season. This 6-3 lad actually "directed" the Friars to a 24-2 record and the regional finals of the NCAA tournament. He was the leading scorer, key man on defense, and in the tough spots took charge with the big play. Early in the season, against a tough Creighton club, Jim hit on 15 of 18 from the field and wound up with 34 points. Against St. Joseph's in the NCAA tourney, Walker tied the score in regulation time and scored eight points in overtime to give Providence the victory. Named ECAC Sophomore of the Year.

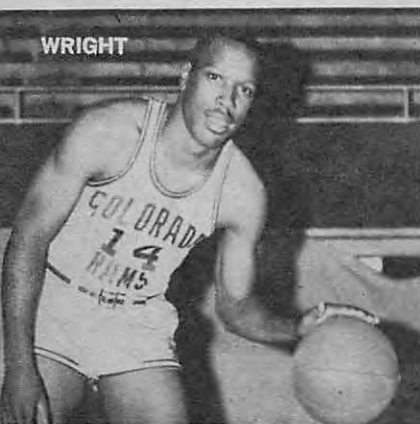
ALL-AMERICA 3rd TEAM

SILLIMAN



MIKE SILLIMAN, Army, has been the Cadets' leading scorer and rebounder for two years, leading them to third-place finishes in the National Invitation Tournament in successive seasons. Mike makes the team go and often doesn't get as many points as he could because he is a team player and would rather set up a play than go for the bucket himself. He played almost two months with a bad ankle last season but still took Army to fourth place in the Far West Classic. The Cadets lost by a point to Oregon State, which went on to win the title. The 6-6 native of Louisville averaged 18 ppg and recorded 328 rebounds.

WRIGHT



LONNIE WRIGHT, Colorado State, is one of the more versatile of our All-Americans. His coach, Jim Williams, has this to say about Lonnie: "As a soph, we used him primarily as a guard, but due to a lack of height on last year's squad we moved Lonnie to forward, sometimes even to the post, where he has the ability to overpower the smaller man and outfinesse the bigger defender. We'll probably put him back at guard; although he's only 6-2, he has often controlled the tap for us against opponents 6-8 and taller." Wright hit on 18 of 20 free throw attempts, including his last 16 in a row, against Wyoming last season.

VERGA



BOB VERGA, Duke, a six-foot junior, already has stamped himself as one of the greats of the Atlantic Coast Conference for his exploits as a soph last season, when he led the Blue Devils in scoring with 534 points for a 21.4 average. He hit a Duke individual high for the season with 36 against Maryland, converting 14 of 15 free throw attempts. Against Virginia, he connected on 14 of 18 from the floor. Verga is extremely calm under pressure, and when you need a basket badly, he'll usually get it for you. Bob is an excellent dribbler with either hand and a very strong rebounder. He's also quite adept at drawing fouls.

20 TOP TEAMS



1. UCLA
2. St. Joseph's
3. Providence
4. Minnesota
5. Kansas
6. Michigan
7. Duke
8. Bradley
9. Brigham Young
10. St. John's
11. Vanderbilt
12. West Virginia
13. Texas Tech
14. Dayton
15. San Francisco
16. Boston College
17. Villanova
18. New Mexico
19. So. California
20. Stanford

IT'S UCLA all the way—to an unprecedented third straight national championship. Although All-Americans Gail Goodrich and Keith Erickson have been graduated, the Bruins have depth and balance, not to mention the coaching of John Wooden, who seems to have mastered the knack of instilling his charges with a winning spirit. In fact, UCLA should be strong for the next several seasons, now that Lew Alcindor and two other high school All-Americans have enrolled there.

Sizing up the **EAST**

All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: St. Joseph's.

RUNNER-UP: Providence.

IVY: Princeton, Cornell, Penn.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC: St. Joseph's, LaSalle, Temple.

YANKEE: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts.

METROPOLITAN: NYU, Manhattan, Seton Hall.

INDEPENDENTS: Providence, Boston College, St. John's.

AREA ALL-AMERICANS:

Dave Bing, Syracuse.

John Austin, Boston College.

Jim Walker, Providence.

Mike Silliman, Army.



JIM BARRY

Georgetown

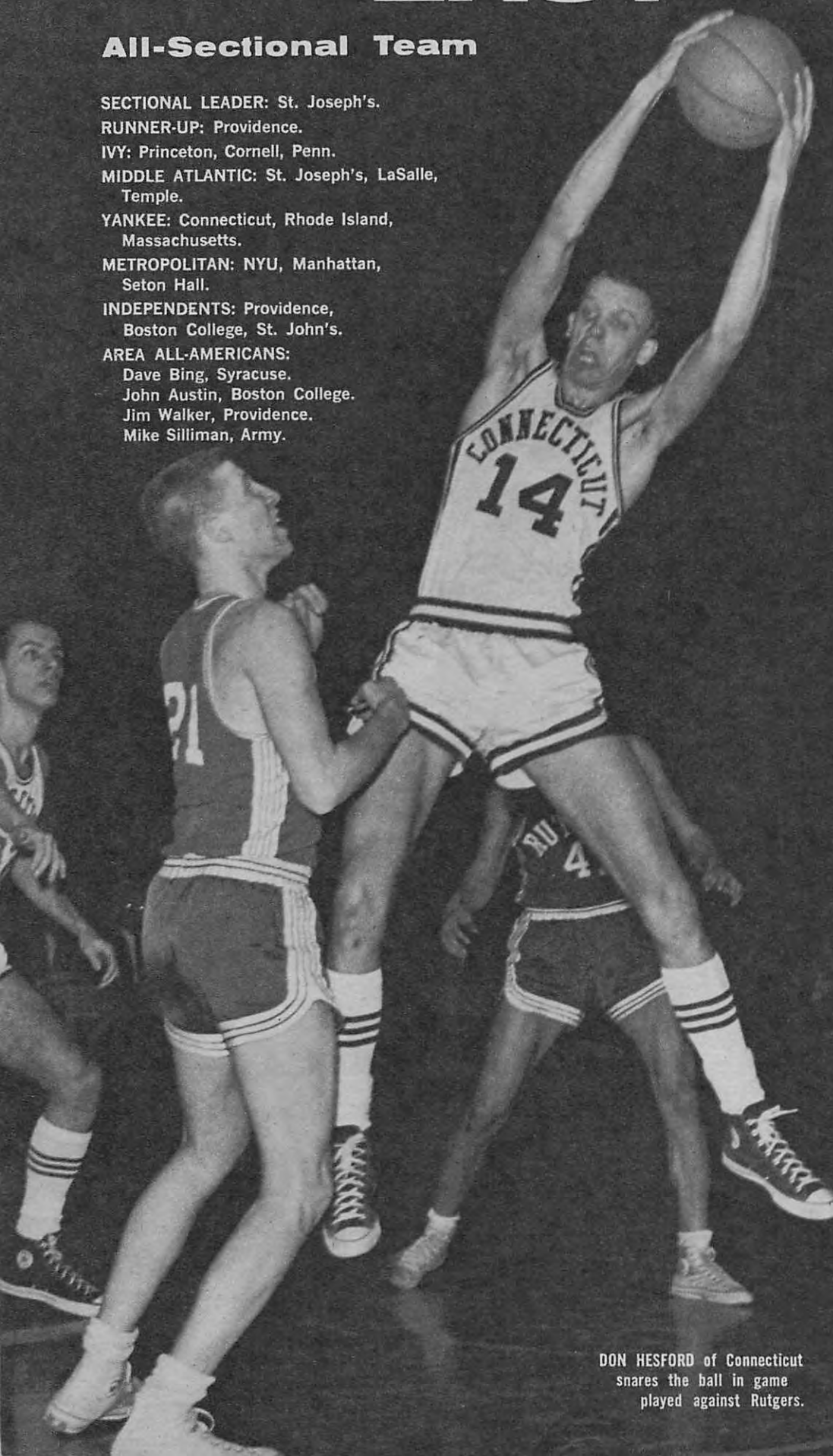
This 6-6 senior returned to the basketball wars last winter after knee surgery and turned in a fine season with a 19.1 scoring average. He had 440 points and 143 rebounds, and also converted 110 of 127 free throws for an 86.6 percentage which placed him eighth in the nation. Barry threatens to rewrite every Georgetown scoring record in the books before he's graduated. The St. Peter's (N.J.) Prep ace, who is said to have been sought by over 200 colleges, can shoot with either hand and would like to end his Hoya career a winner.



CLIFF ANDERSON

St. Joseph's

This 6-4 junior has as much to do with the Hawks' success as any other player in the starting lineup. The top scorer with a 17.9 ppg average, Anderson's forte is rebounding. He took down 450 retrieves for a 15.5 average, both figures being season highs for St. Joseph's. In the Villanova game, Anderson was outstanding with 36 points and 16 free throws, the top production for a St. Joseph's player in one game last season. His 14 field goals against Seton Hall was another high point for a Hawk.



DON HESFORD of Connecticut
snares the ball in game
played against Rutgers.



WES BIALOSUKNIA
Connecticut

Besides running the Huskies' offense, Bialosuknia also is a top-notch scorer, as his 21.3 average indicates. His leadership qualities came to light when he attended Roosevelt High in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he earned 10 letters and was captain of both the basketball and soccer teams. Wes also was Student Council president. At Storrs, this leadership ability continued and he was the mainspring in leading the Uconns to a 23-3 last year and their first undefeated campaign in the Yankee Conference. He's tops on defense, too.



BILL MELCHIONNI
Villanova

The steady play of this 6-1 guard made Villanova a power in the East last season with its lofty 23-5 record. Bill scored 542 points for a 19.4 average and was among the best in the nation at shooting free throws with an 81.6 per cent accuracy mark. He scored 20 or more points in 14 games and failed to hit in double figures only once. The second best defender for the Wildcats, Melchionni also was the leading scorer in the Philadelphia Big Five and a first-team member of the all-star squad. Bill directs the Wildcat attack intelligently.



BOB McINTYRE
St. John's

This McIntyre goes it alone this winter since his brother, Ken, the Redmen's leading scorer, has been graduated. As captain, Bob takes over the leadership of the club in the forecourt. Second in scoring with a 16.3 ppg average, this 6-6 senior was St. John's steadiest player last winter when the Redmen topped Villanova to win the NIT championship. Bob is a real sharpshooter as his 48.8 accuracy from the field indicates. He tallied 456 points and was a fine rebounder, gathering in 238. He has considerable strength underneath.



BOB LLOYD
Rutgers

The 6-1 junior helped coach Bill Foster sweep defeatism away from the Rutgers campus with his exciting play. Crowds that had been lacking for years returned to the Rutgers gym to see this sharpshooter who averaged 25 ppg, mostly via his uncanny jump shot. He hit 127 of 145 free throws for 87.6 per cent accuracy and this placed him sixth in the country. Lloyd's dedication to the game and practice is an inspiration to the Scarlet Knights who improved to a 12-12 record. Lloyd established three Rutgers records last season.



MATT GUOKAS
St. Joseph's

At 6-5, this backcourt performer is the tallest guard in the East and has the ingredients to follow his father, Matt Sr., into the pro ranks. In the Hawks' pressure defense, Guokas just thrives, as his 90 steals last season attest. After a stint with Miami's frosh team, Matt returned to Big Five competition and has been thrilling Palestra fans ever since. Guokas averaged only 13.3 points per game last season, but that's because of the Hawks' balanced offense. The top man averaged only 17.9 points per game.



JIM WILLIAMS
Temple

Despite having an off year after a standout soph campaign, Williams led the Owls in scoring and rebounding. Tallying 357 points, big Jim had a 14.9 ppg average and shot with a 48.4 per cent accuracy. The 6-8 senior from Norristown, Pa., used his height to advantage with 304 rebounds and a 12.7 average. His 357-point total was stunted somewhat by erratic foul-shooting and Williams plans to remedy that this winter and wind up his varsity career comparable to the fine soph season he enjoyed.



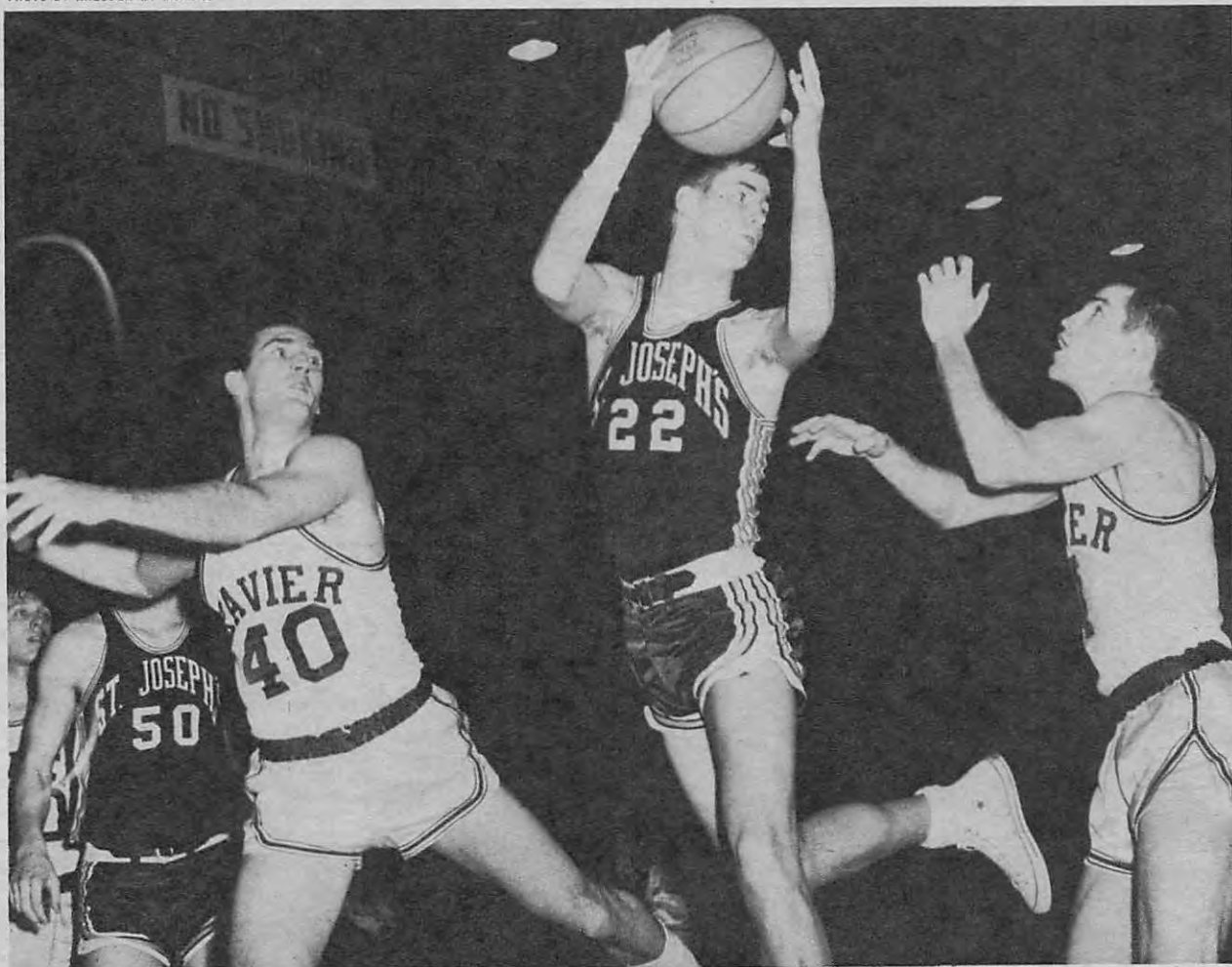
CARVER CLINTON
Penn State

Registering a 20-4 record, best in the school's history, and gaining an at-large berth in the NCAA Eastern Regional Tournament, can be traced to a large degree to Clinton. The 6-4 senior led the Nittany Lions in scoring with a 17-1 ppg average and also was the top rebounder with 274. Clinton, with Bob Weiss, formed the mainspring for the Lions' attack, as well as defense, which ranked 11th in the nation. Clinton is a great jumper, topnotch scorer, and is looking forward to a senior season to match last winter's.



STAN MCKENZIE
New York U.

While Southern schools come North for talent, the Violets went South to come up with skilled McKenzie. Stan, a 6-5 senior from Miami, has been a stickout performer ever since breaking in as a soph. Last season, he led the Violets with 885 points, an 18.7 norm, and a place in the NIT. The 21-year-old cager was selected as a member of the All-Metropolitan team last March and is expected to have another fine season. McKenzie was second in rebounding to Ray Bennett, averaging 9.3 a game.



STEVE CHAPMAN of St. Joseph's slips between two Xavier players to take possession of the ball.

ST. JOE'S IS ON THE GO

■ Dr. Jack Ramsay, who pulls the strings that make St. Joseph's a polished and poised team year in and year out, is a quiet, soft-spoken man who takes victory and defeat in the same manner. He "plays" every game to the hilt, but when it is over, his emotions are controlled and his words are guarded.

He would be the last person in the world to vow victory over another team, but followers of the Hawks

would do it as fast as they could throw a fish on to the court. Providence, which trimmed the Hawks twice, is the team in mind, because the Friars sullied an almost perfect season for St. Joseph's.

It was Providence that administered the first defeat to St. Joseph's last season, 65-61, and then the Friars rubbed it in with an 81-73 overtime triumph over the Hawks in the semifinals of the NCAA Eastern Regional tourney. The fact that St. Joe's lost to North Carolina State in the consolation game meant little to the Hawks at that point.

The Hawks are chafing at the bit to prove they are the best in the East, and Ramsay has the "horses" to do just that. St. Joe's rates the top billing in the section because every player from last season's 26-3 squad returns and there is no place to slot "graduates" of a good frosh team.

As for a showdown with Providence, it won't come until March 2 when the Friars invade the Palestra. Meanwhile,

both quintets will be taking on opponents with battle-hardened veterans.

Providence, which lost only to Villanova before being decimated by Princeton in the Eastern Regional, also suffered no graduation losses, but it did take a jolt with the ineligibility of 6-7 Dexter Westbrook. However, Bob Kovalski (6-8) returns from the ineligible list and has softened Westbrook's departure.

Although St. Joe's and Providence are battling for top ranking in the East, they are not necessarily head and shoulders over the rest of the teams in the section.

Boston College, which went 21-7 and had a trip to the National Invitation Tournament, is a top independent. It has All-American John Austin plus a raft of other talent. St. John's, the NIT champion, is far and away the best Metropolitan New York team, and NYU, which also made the NIT, is the favorite in the first season of the Metropolitan Collegiate Conference.

Villanova, which succumbed to St.

John's in the NIT final after illness infiltrated its ranks, has another strong club, built around 6-1 Bill Melchionni.

While it's pretty well unanimous that Connecticut will be back in the NCAA Tournament as Yankee Conference champion, the Ivy League is just the opposite. If you stick with the champions until they are beaten, the Tigers of Princeton, despite the loss of all-everything Bill Bradley, will gain their fourth consecutive crown in the Ancient Eight battling.

Cornell, 19-5 overall and a second-place finisher, and Penn, 15-10 with no graduation losses, are the choices of the people who frown on the Tigers' monopoly. The Big Red lost only one player, 5-10 Dave Bliss, through graduation.

St. Joseph's, which can suffer only from complacency, has that victory look because of juniors Cliff Anderson (6-4) and Matt Guokas (6-5) and seniors Tom Duff (6-5), Marty Ford (6-6) and Billy Oakes (5-11). Chuck McKenna, a 6-7 junior, is the sixth man and would be a starter anywhere else strictly on his rebounding and defense.

Oakes controls the club perfectly which shows up in the balanced scoring among the starting five that ranges from 12.3 to 17.9. In other words, a poor shooting night by one player won't stop the Hawks. The Hawks' pressure defense is unmatched, as any opponent will tell you.

Like St. Joseph's, Providence was supposed to be in a rebuilding season last year, but coach Joe Mullaney fooled the experts and came in with a winner—24-2 to be exact. While the team's success surprised Mullaney, Princeton rocked the whole Providence campus in the Eastern Regional final. The Tigers scuttled Providence's Portland plans and made everyone in the East reevaluate the caliber of the Ivy League.

Mullaney would like to see his team ignite behind All-American Jim Walker the way the Tigers did behind Bradley. With Walker, a deadly shooter, Mullaney has Jim Benedict (6-4), Bill Blair and Mike Riordan, both 6-3, and Kovalski. What to do with top-drawer reserves and sophs confronts Mullaney as much as it does Ramsay.

Bob Cousy's recruiting and coaching is being felt at Boston College, making the Eagles the best in New England. BC zoomed from a 10-11 record to 21-7 last winter and a bid to the NIT.

With Austin and Willie Wolters, who now has had a year of seasoning, the Eagles are flying high again.

Coach Lou Carnesecca, in his first year as head man of St. John's, has rebuilt the backcourt with juniors Brian Hill and Al Swartz and has stellar performers Sonny Dove and Bob McIntyre in the forecourt with soph Rudy Bogad (6-7). The soph talent is good enough to force last season's veterans to hustle for their jobs.

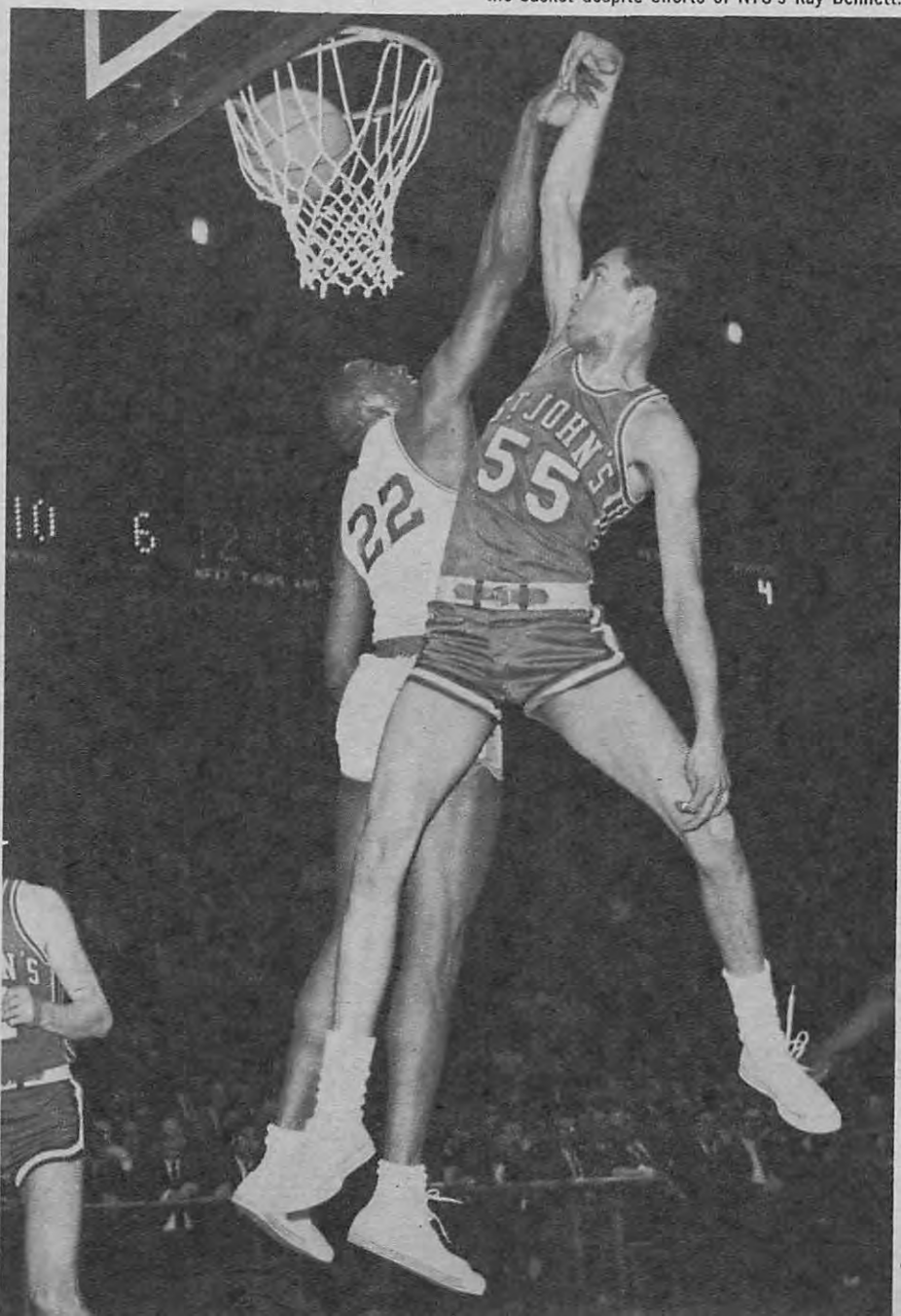
NYU, with 6-7 Ray Bennett and 6-5 Stan McKenzie, has the makings of a

team that should be crowned the first Metropolitan Collegiate Conference champion, but should get tough opposition from Manhattan, Seton Hall and St. Francis of New York. Some of the so-called small colleges in the Met area also have enough strength to have a big say in the final standings of the league.

Fordham, which put on a strong finish to gain an NIT berth, should make the Garden tourney again with the addition of sharp-shooting soph Bill Langheld (6-5). The prized soph is

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SONNY DOVE of St. John's sends ball through the basket despite efforts of NYU's Ray Bennett.



PROVIDENCE AND B.C. ARE BATTLIN'

continued

the finest shooter in the Rams' history.

St. Joe's chilled Connecticut in the Eastern Regionals, but no one is predicting that the Uconns won't be back in the NCAA tourney again in March as Yankee Conference champ. The Huskies lost a husky rebounder in 6-8 Toby Kimball, who led the country with 21 a game, but still have enough veteran talent, led by Wes Bialosuknia, to come through again.

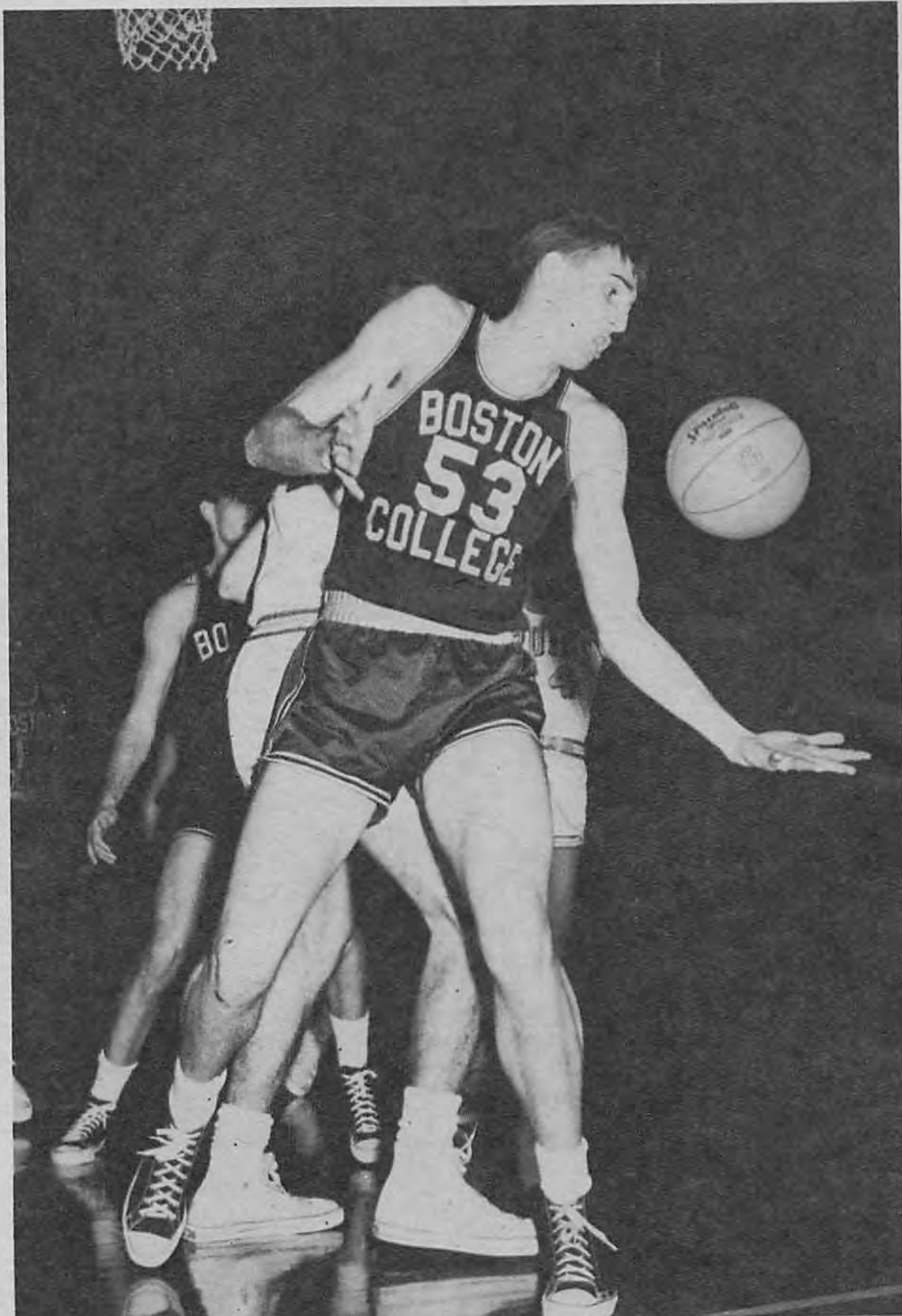
Top sophomore crews, which have displaced regulars on Rhode Island and Massachusetts, make these two quintets top threats to unknot the stranglehold Connecticut has on the conference championship. Still, the Uconns are the team to beat.

The brilliance of Bradley overshadowed many facets of Princeton's game, for the Tigers didn't make third place in the NCAA championship solely on the wings of the All-American. En route to Portland, the Tigers' man-to-man defense came of age, and coach Butch van Breda Kolff has the same crew back.

Filling the scoring void left by Bradley is the one problem van Breda Kolff will have to overcome in order to repeat. Gary Walters runs the club that has Robby Brown (6-9) at center and seniors Bob Haarlow and Don Rodenbach for experience. Ed Hummer, a high school All-American and the most valuable sixth man in the league, takes Bradley's place.

Juniors Al Adler and Bill Koch can weave into this starting unit and Joe Heiser (6-2) and John Haarlow (6-7), a pair of sophs, bring scoring punch and rebounding, respectively to the varsity.

Cornell, which likewise loses only one man from its starting five, was swept by the Tigers in a showdown game at Princeton last March. The Big



Red had caught Bradley playing one of his poorer games earlier in the season and edged the Tigers by one point.

The Ithacans have all-league performers in Bobby De Luca and Steve Cram and Penn has two of the best in Ivy circles in Stan Pawlak and Jeff Neuman. Still, Cornell and Penn are challengers until they can show the Tigers are an also-ran team without Bradley. Yale and Columbia, with stick-out sophomores, can make the road trips awfully bumpy for all three.

La Salle, which is keeping its talent a secret, and Temple are the chief threats to St. Joe's in the Middle Atlantic Conference. Independent Villa-

nova, although it doesn't figure to match its 23-5 record of last year, has talent to go with Melchionni.

Upstate New York finds Army, with All-American Mike Silliman, ready for another bid to the NIT and Syracuse, which disappointed everybody last season, has All-American Dave Bing and should bounce back if its backcourt is steadier.

Although not in the top echelon, Georgetown, Fairfield, Holy Cross and Navy are tough stops for any opponent. Penn State has Carver Clinton and Rutgers' comeback from the depths is enriched with Bob Lloyd and a top-drawer crop of sophs.

Charting the EAST

THE LEADING PLAYERS

NAME	COLLEGE	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	TP	AVG	REB
ANDERSON, CLIFF	St. Joseph's	Jr.	6' 4"	Philadelphia, Pa.	29	196	41.0	127	60.8	519	17.9	450
AUSTIN, JOHN	Boston College	Sr.	6' 0"	Washington, D. C.	25	235	45.7	211	79.0	673	26.9	100
BARRY, JIM	Georgetown	Sr.	6' 6"	Elizabeth, N. J.	23	165	45.8	110	86.6	440	19.1	143
BENNETT RAY	N. Y. U.	Sr.	6' 8"	Jamaica, L. I.	26	167	43.4	72	70.6	406	15.6	256
BIALOSUKNIA, WES	Connecticut	Jr.	6' 2"	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	23	193	43.3	94	79.7	490	21.3	72
BING, DAVE	Syracuse	Sr.	6' 3"	Washington, D. C.	23	206	46.3	121	74.4	533	23.2	277
BROWN, JIM	Fairfield	Jr.	6' 3"	New Haven, Conn.	21	160	46.6	104	77.0	424	20.2	199
BROADFOOT, BERT	Yale	Sr.	6' 0"	Des Moines, Ia.	22	107	49.0	37	84.0	251	11.4	58
BRUNS, GEORGE	Manhattan	Sr.	6' 0"	New York, N. Y.	22	78	52.3	38	79.2	194	8.8	50
CARTER, GEORGE	St. Bonaventure	Jr.	6' 5"	Silver Creek, N. Y.	23	158	42.0	87	63.9	403	17.5	259
CLINTON, CARVER	Penn State	Sr.	6' 4"	Selma, Ala.	24	175	41.7	61	64.2	411	17.1	274
CHAM, STEVE	Cornell	Sr.	6' 7"	Geneva, Switz.	24	149	49.7	75	58.6	373	15.5	224
DALZELL, GEORGE	Colgate	Jr.	6' 2"	New City, N. Y.	23	162	47.2	76	68.9	397	17.2	82
DE LUCA, BOB	Cornell	Sr.	6' 2"	Schenectady, N. Y.	24	156	42.9	59	77.8	371	15.5	95
DOVE, SONNY	St. John's	Jr.	6' 7"	Jamaica, L. I.	29	160	48.2	79	64.2	399	13.8	338
FITZHENRY, JOHN	St. Francis (Pa.)	Jr.	6' 7"	Pittsburgh, Pa.	23	151	54.5	52	43.0	354	16.4	269
GUOKAS, MATT	St. Joseph's	Jr.	6' 5"	Philadelphia, Pa.	29	157	45.9	71	72.4	385	13.3	195
HAARLOW, BOB	Princeton	Sr.	6' 2"	Hinsdale, Ill.	29	117	49.2	45	62.5	279	9.6	114
HILL, CLARENCE	Massachusetts	Sr.	6' 0"	Washington, D. C.	23	213	43.9	85	71.4	511	22.6	87
KOVALSKI, BOB	Providence	Sr.	6' 8"	Hatfield, Mass.	(Did not play in '64-'65)							
LLOYD, BOB	Rutgers	Jr.	6' 1"	Upper Darby, Pa.	24	237	43.6	127	87.6	601	25.0	72
McINTYRE, BOB	St. John's	Sr.	6' 6"	Bayside, N. Y.	28	161	48.8	134	73.6	456	16.3	238
McKENZIE, STAN	N. Y. U.	Sr.	6' 5"	Miami, Fla.	26	184	45.0	117	76.5	485	18.7	242
MELCHIONI, BILL	Villanova	Sr.	6' 1"	Pennsauken, N. J.	28	218	43.5	106	81.6	542	19.4	108
MITCHEL, CHARLEY	Seton Hall	Sr.	6' 2"	Columbus, Ohio	25	168	38.0	79	69.0	415	16.6	186
MINIOTAS, FRANK	Duquesne	Sr.	6' 4"	Pittsburgh, Pa.	24	139	53.2	57	56.4	335	14.0	203
MORRISON, JOHN	Canisius	Jr.	6' 1"	Roselle Park, N. J.	22	106	40.6	49	68.0	261	11.9	85
MURPHY, RICHIE	Holy Cross	Sr.	6' 4"	New York, N. Y.	23	59	78.7	112	45.5	283	12.3	114
NEUMAN, JEFF	Penn	Sr.	6' 1"	Altoona, Pa.	25	138	39.3	112	86.8	388	15.5	110
OSGOOD, JOHN	Boston University	Sr.	6' 7"	Quincy, Mass.	20	97	51.6	52	74.3	246	12.3	240
PAWLAK, STAN	Penn	Sr.	6' 2"	Westmont, N. J.	25	215	51.1	108	62.4	538	21.5	193
RADCLIFFE, BILL	Navy	Sr.	6' 3"	Prospect Pk., Pa.	20	127	40.5	55	78.6	309	15.4	86
REDDINGTON, CHRIS	Navy	Sr.	6' 5"	Baldwin, N. Y.	20	129	41.2	54	61.4	312	15.6	184
RODENBACH, DON	Princeton	Sr.	6' 2"	Bethlehem, Pa.	29	103	43.8	28	77.8	234	8.1	86
SEDLACEK, KEITH	Harvard	Sr.	6' 1"	Valley Forge, Pa.	23	198	47.8	94	73.4	490	21.3	122
SILLIMAN, MIKE	Army	Sr.	6' 6"	Louisville, Ky.	29	192	45.0	137	74.0	521	18.0	328
WALKER, JIM	Providence	Jr.	6' 3"	Boston, Mass.	26	211	47.5	110	76.7	532	20.5	158
WILLIAMS, JIM	Temple	Sr.	6' 8"	Norristown, Pa.	24	125	48.4	107	58.8	357	14.9	304
WOLTERS, WILLIE	Boston College	Jr.	6' 8"	Brooklyn, N. Y.	28	122	50.8	79	50.3	323	11.5	354
ZANDY, LEN	Fordham	Sr.	6' 7"	Altoona, Pa.	27	135	41.0	52	80.0	322	11.9	155

SOPHS TO WATCH

Two of the East's best sophs represent New York City colleges—Dave Newmarket at Columbia and Bill Langheld at Fordham. Newmarket, who stands a shade over seven feet, has recovered from a severely cut hand and is the hottest prospect at Morningside Heights in a long time. He shot with a 60.4 per cent accuracy and averaged 25.7 ppg. Langheld also is a great shooter and probably will corral most of the Rams' scoring records before he is graduated. Jim Kissane of Boston College, Joe Crews of Villanova and Bill Corley of Connecticut are second-year players with starting berths, and Rudy Bagad brings a 19 ppg average to the St. John's varsity. Duquesne and Massachusetts both have five fine sophs and Yale's frosh went undefeated. Bill Somerset, who sat out last season with a foot ailment, has a starting berth at Seton Hall, and Joe Heiser and John Haarlow bolster Princeton's varsity. Joe Colgan is a standout soph at Dartmouth. Gary Lupek at St. Francis of Pennsylvania and Art Kenney and Bill Jones of Fairfield make their respective varsities that much stronger. Holy Cross has Keith Hochstein and Rhode Island has two standouts in Art Stephenson and Larry Johnson. Clarence Brookins is a stickout for Temple, as is Bill Librera at Vermont. Little Mike Barrett is a dynamo at Colgate, Bill Butler is an asset to St. Bonaventure and Denny Hodgdon gives New Hampshire more scoring punch. Gregory Morris has shown Cornellians a good scoring touch, Jim Snook could crack Navy's starting lineup, and Tom Mallison is one of four fine sophs at Penn. Harvard welcomes Bob Beller's scoring, Emmuel Leaks is a fine find for Niagara, and John McMahon has a starting berth for St. Francis of New York.

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Princeton	13	1	23	6
Cornell	11	3	19	5
Pennsylvania	10	4	15	10
Yale	7	7	10	12
Harvard	6	8	11	12
Columbia	5	9	7	15
Brown	3	11	7	17
Dartmouth	1	13	4	21

IVY LEAGUE

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Connecticut	10	0	23	3
Massachusetts	8	2	13	11
Rhode Island	6	4	15	11
Maine	4	6	13	10
Vermont	1	9	7	13
New Hampshire	1	9	2	19

YANKEE CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	W	L	SCHOOL	W	L
St. Joseph's	26	3	Manhattan	13	9
Providence	24	2	Georgetown	13	10
Villanova	23	5	Holy Cross	13	10
Boston Coll.	21	7	Syracuse	13	10
Army	21	8	Rutgers	12	12
St. John's	21	8	Seton Hall	12	13
Penn State	20	4	St. Francis (N. Y.)	11	9
St. Bonaventure	15	8	Boston Univ.	10	10
N. Y. U.	16	10	Navy	10	10
Fordham	15	12	Canisius	10	12
Fairfield	14	7	Colgate	7	16
Duquesne	14	10	Pittsburgh	7	16
Temple	14	10	Niagara	4	17

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

Sizing up the **SOUTH** All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: Duke.

RUNNER-UP: Vanderbilt.

SOUTHERN: West Virginia, Davidson, William and Mary.

SOUTHEASTERN: Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Kentucky.

ATLANTIC COAST: Duke, Maryland, North Carolina State.

OHIO VALLEY: Western Kentucky, Murray, Morehead.

INDEPENDENTS: Florida State, Centenary, Miami.

AREA ALL-AMERICANS:
Clyde Lee, Vanderbilt.
Bob Verga, Duke.



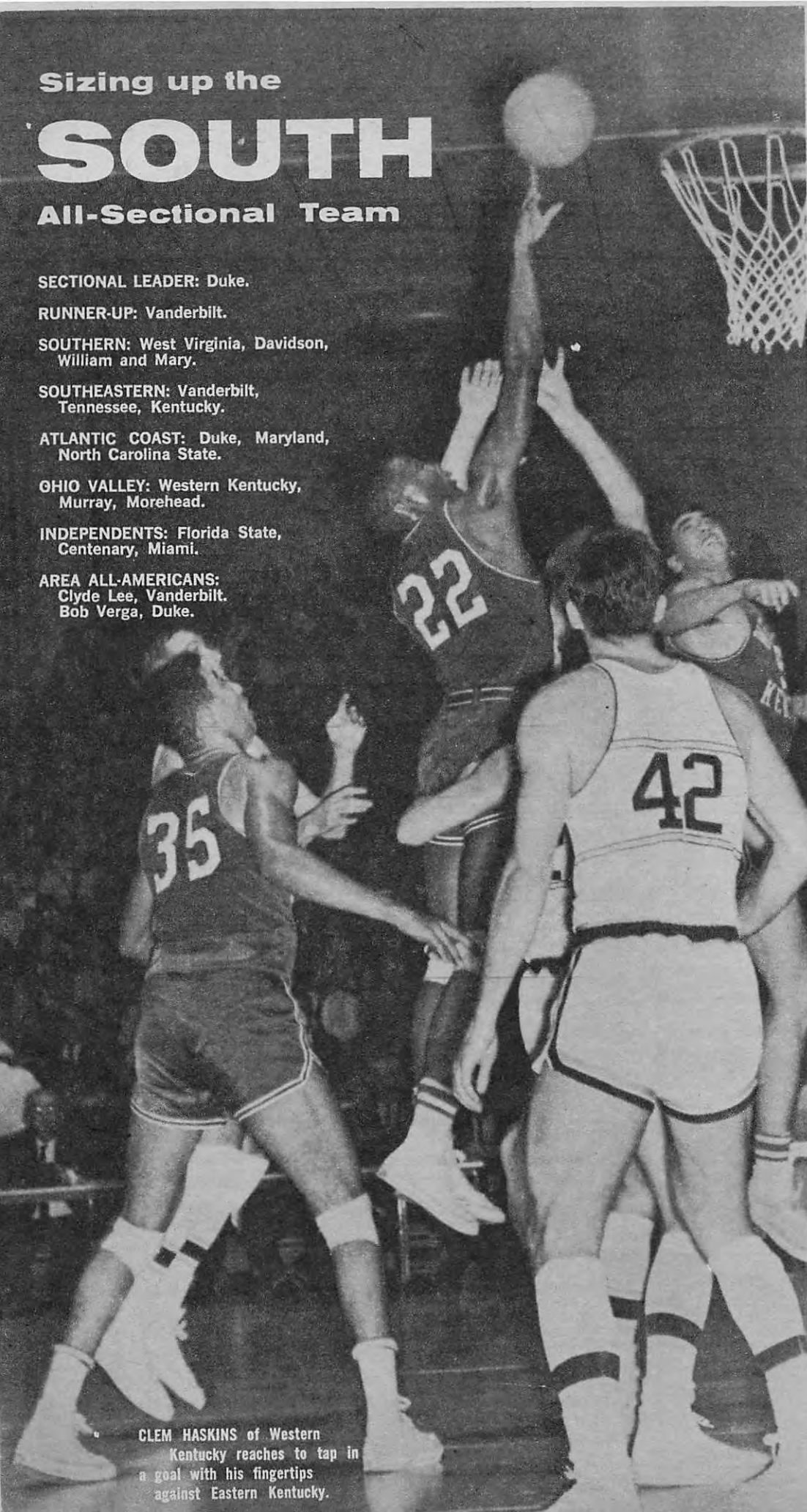
STEWART JOHNSON
Murray State

Murray rooters claim Johnson is a fine pro prospect because he possesses all the physical qualities—size, speed, jumping ability and shooting. The 6-8 senior from Clairton, Pa., is very agile for his size and knows how to operate under the boards, as his 367 rebounds attest. He averaged 14.1 caroms a game last season while being a unanimous choice to the all-Ohio Valley Conference first team for the second straight year. He also tallied 520 points which gave him an even 20-point average. Coach Cal Luther is happy to have Johnson.



EDDIE BODKIN
Eastern Kentucky

Known for his deadly, sweeping hook shot with either hand, Bodkin also is accurate with a long jumper and has fine moves under the basket. As coach Jim Baechtold describes the 21-year-old senior, "He knows as many ways to put the ball in the basket as anyone." The Harrodsburg, Ky. cager, who transferred from Virginia Tech after leading Tech's frosh team with a 29.5 average because he wanted to play in Kentucky, led the Maroons to the Ohio Valley Conference title. The 6-7, 220-pounder tallied 560 points for a 22.4 ppg norm.



CLEM HASKINS of Western Kentucky reaches to tap in a goal with his fingertips against Eastern Kentucky.



BOB LEONARD
Wake Forest

Coach Horace (Bones) McKinney has tabbed Leonard as "perhaps the best backcourt man we have had at Wake Forest," and McKinney has been coaching the Deacons for eight years. Leonard, a 6-2 senior out of Kingsport, Tenn., where he was an all-state high school player, was the second highest scorer in the Atlantic Coast Conference last winter. He was the third Wake Forest player to score over 600 points as he garnered 645 and averaged 23.9 a game. A history major, Bob has good moves and can shoot accurately from the outside.



BOB LEWIS
North Carolina

All-American Billy Cunningham had help last season and it came from Lewis, who averaged 21 points a game. The 6-3 junior meshed into the starting lineup as a soph and was sensational. The high school All-American from Washington, D.C., shoots from all over the court and this asset makes him a difficult target for the defense. He connected on 48.9 per cent of his shots and tallied 505 points while being topped in the scoring department only by Cunningham. The 20-year-old player stamped himself for greatness as a frosh.



TOM KERWIN
Centenary

A willing player with great desire, Kerwin is a jack of all trades for Centenary, doing everything asked of him by Coach Orvis Sigler. But he is no go-it-alone player by any means and is a team player first. Personal records, such as the scoring marks he has established the past two years, mean little to Tom if the Gents aren't winning. The 6-7 senior from Long Branch, N.J., contributes his share of rebounding as well as scoring in Coach Sigler's double-post offense. Kerwin ranked 18th in the country last season with a 24.2 ppg average.



GARY WARD
Maryland

Plagued by injuries during his soph season, Gary hit his stride in his junior year and was largely responsible for Maryland's most respectable record of 18 triumphs and eight defeats. Ward teamed with Jay McMillen to give the Terps their scoring punch. Another of the fine collegiate ball players to come out of Washington, D.C., Ward averaged 18 points a game with 469 tallies and also took down 271 rebounds. Accuracy at the foul line is Ward's forte as the 6-5 senior clicked on 99 free throws in 121 attempts for 81.8 per cent.



DICK SNYDER
Davidson

Being a high school All-American football player in Canton, Ohio, Snyder almost attended Notre Dame to follow the grid sport instead of playing basketball. But the 6-5 senior decided on basketball and Davidson turned out to be the recipient of one of the best players in the Southern Conference. Last winter when the opposition's defense zeroed in on All-American Fred Hetzel, that was Snyder's cue to turn on the scoring. He was voted MVP over Hetzel in the Charlotte Invitation Tourney and also plays a tough brand of defense.



CLEM HASKINS
Western Kentucky

Coming off a great frosh season, Haskins joined the Hilltoppers' varsity and was just as scintillating as he averaged 23.4 ppg. But Haskins' ability cannot be judged in cold statistics because he is exceptional in every facet of the game. The 6-3 junior jumps well enough to handle much bigger men on defense. He has speed and a strong pair of hands. The Campbellsville, Ky., high school all-American was "player of the year" in the Ohio Valley Conference and is majoring in physical education, planning a career in coaching.



RANDY MAHAFFEY
Clemson

Look at the high-water marks in Clemson's 8-15 season of last winter and you will see Randy's name each time. The 6-7 junior from La Grange, Ga., led the Tigers in scoring (17.3 ppg), rebounds (224), rebound average (9.7), free throws (108) and field goal percentage (49.8 per cent). Randy is the third and best of three Mahaffey brothers who played for Clemson, and he was selected to the Atlantic Coast Conference's second team. But on the academic level, the lanky cager was a member of the first team in the conference.



STEVE VACENDAK
Duke

V for victory means exactly that at Duke with Vacendak teaming with Bob Verga, a Dell All-American. Vacendak teams with Verga in the backcourt to give the Blue Devils the most explosive guard combination in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The two V-boys took turns at being the high scorers for Duke. Vacendak, the pride of Scranton, Pa., tallied 405 points in addition to steadying the Blue Devils. Although only 6-1, Steve also rebounds with proficiency and took down 164 cars for a 6.6 average. He shot 46.6 per cent from the floor.

VANDY AND DUKE AND SOUTHERN PRIDE

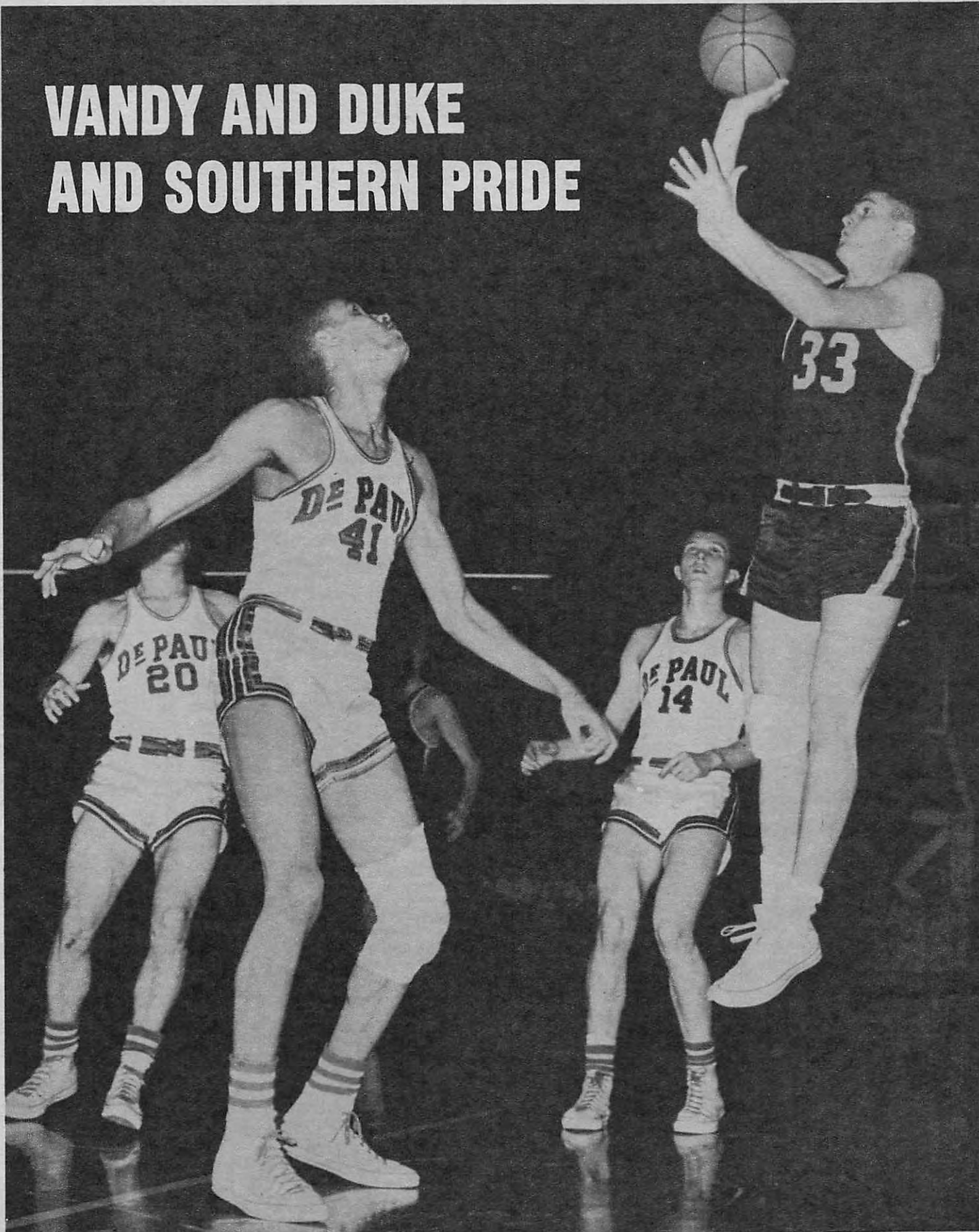


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WAYNE CALVERT of Vanderbilt launches a one-hander against DePaul.

■ The South will rise again—in the NCAA basketball championship.

Last March at Portland, Ore., Dixieland was conspicuous by its absence in the semifinals and final of the national title chase after having had a representative since 1962. Wake Forest took down third place in '62 and Duke did the same in '63. In 1964, the Blue Devils went all the way to the final before bowing to UCLA.

But in the 1965 finale at Portland's Memorial Coliseum, there were no Confederate flags or rebel yells and the organist wasn't playing "Dixie." Since 1946, when North Carolina lost in the final to Oklahoma A. and M., rooters from the Southland have had a team to support and be proud of in 12 tourneys.

Last season, however, was a complete washout because post-season conference tournaments deprived the South of two of its quintets. Davidson, for the second consecutive year, failed to give its great all-American, Fred Hetzel, a chance to show what a standout he was in the Southern Conference. Duke, likewise, hit the sidelines in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

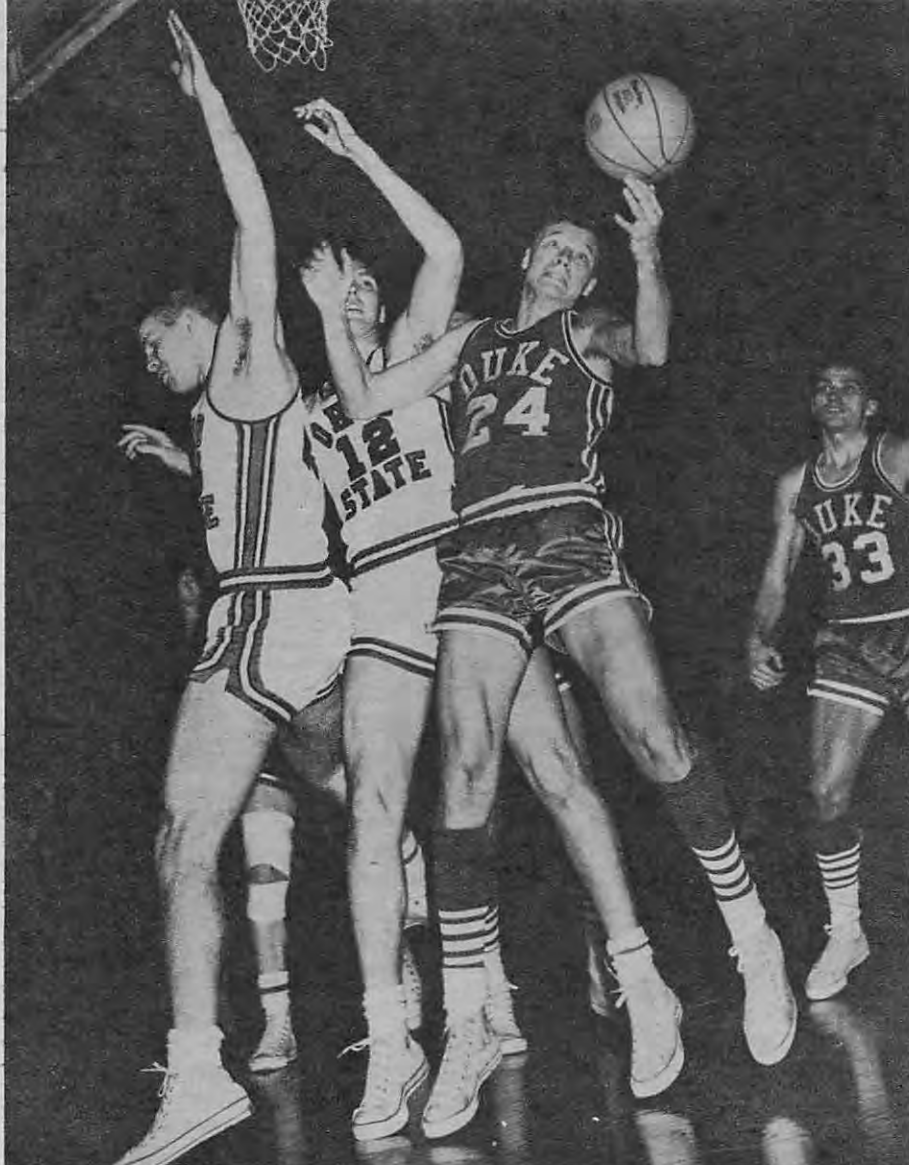
The feeling is that Davidson, instead of West Virginia, and Duke, in place of North Carolina State, would have gone farther in the NCAA championship.

Vanderbilt, the Southeastern Conference kingpin which didn't have to go through conference tourney warfare, made the best showing in the NCAA, losing by but two points, 87-85, to runner-up Michigan.

The remaining part of the NCAA tournament Dixielanders would rather forget. Providence smothered West Virginia, 97-61, at Philadelphia; Princeton ripped North Carolina State, 66-48, at Maryland, and De Paul overwhelmed Eastern Kentucky, the Ohio Valley Conference champ, 99-52.

This disappointing showing in the NCAA only serves as added impetus to Vanderbilt, Duke and West Virginia. As it stands now, there will be a shift from East to West in the Ohio Valley Conference and it will be Western Kentucky that will carry that circuit's banner into the NCAA championship come March.

Vandy, which lost by inches to Michigan, has Dell All-American Clyde Lee on the firing line, and his presence makes the Commodores the choice to repeat in the SEC. Tennessee's tenacious defense, which ranked as the best in the nation a year ago, should make it a close race.



JACK MARIN of Duke outwrestles Ohio State's Bob Dove for possession.

PHOTO BY MALCOLM W. EMMONS

Duke, with Dell All-American Bob Verga directing the Blue Devils, is the choice in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but could be overhauled by any one of three teams—Maryland, North Carolina State and Clemson. Wake Forest and North Carolina aren't going to be pushovers, either.

With this kind of balance in the ACC, the post-season tourney looms more dangerous than ever to the eventual champ. If it were not for the intense interest of the fans and the financial aspect, these tourneys would have died long ago.

Besides fan interest, the also-ran teams go for the tourneys because they have a chance to redeem themselves at the end of the regular season and end their campaigns on winning notes. Three nights of sound basketball can make their fans forget a dismal season and catapult the team into the NCAA play.

Such a situation came up last season when West Virginia, which finished

fourth in the Southern Conference, got hot and won the post-season play. The Mountaineers suffered through their worst won-lost record in 21 years—13-11—but still got a brief fling in the NCAA tourney.

This season, the Mountaineers are legitimate choices to capture the Southern Conference crown because of an excellent crop of sophomores headed by Ron Williams, first Negro to play on the varsity at Morgantown. Davidson, with Dick Snyder, and William and Mary should make the race and league tourney interesting.

Except for Miami, which had Dell All-American Rick Barry, Dixie's independent teams didn't show much last season and pose somewhat of a questionmark this winter. Florida State (16-10) has Gary Schull and some fine redshirts and Centenary (13-11) has 6-7 Tom Kerwin, a do-it-yourself cager who has the talent to go along with great competitive spirit.

Memphis State and Loyola of the

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COACH BUCKY WATERS of West Virginia poses with Ron Williams, first Negro to play varsity basketball at Morgantown.

WEST VIRGINIA MAKES HISTORY

continued

South are blending soph talent into their varsities, Georgia Tech in an unknown quantity and Virginia Tech, has a sound combination of junior-senior talent.

Lee, Vandy's 6-9 senior, won't be working alone in defending the Commodores' SEC championship. The All-American has a pair of 6-6 operators in senior Ron Green and junior Kenny Gibbs to help with the rebounding. Senior Keith Thomas (6-3), an all-tourney choice in the NCAA Mid-Eastern Regionals, and junior Jerry Southwood (6-2) round out the starting five. Bo Wyenandt (6-4) is a fine soph find.

Tennessee, which yielded but 55.6 ppg last season to take the top defensive prize, has a testy team of

junior and seniors, led by junior Ron Widby (6-4). Kentucky has the same experience, but is depending on soph center Cliff Berger' (6-8½) to develop rapidly. Auburn and Florida also have tons of talent.

Verga, who tallied 534 points for Duke as a sophomore, has all the tools to guide the Blue Devils to the ACC title. Soph Mike Lewis, a 6-7, 230-pounder who took down 17.5 rebounds and scored 22.4 points a game as a frosh, combines with seniors Jack Marin (6-6) and Steve Vacendak (6-1) and junior Bob Riedy (6-6) to make Duke the class team in the ACC.

Maryland has senior Gary Ward (6-5) and junior Jay McMillen (6-7) and the incentive of making the NCAA semis and finals which will be held in

its own Cole Fieldhouse. North Carolina State, which was the top defensive team in the conference, hit that three-night "hot spell" and ran off with the conference's NCAA berth last March and has all of its performers back except Larry Lakins. That loss seems to be too much for the Wolfpack, but sophs and redshirts have a way of blossoming fast.

North Carolina, which defeated Duke twice last season, has a stickout soph in 6-3 Larry Miller, and Clemson's class starts with junior Randy Mahaffey, who scored 17.3 ppg and took down 9.7 rebounds each time out.

The ascension of Williams to West Virginia's varsity makes Bucky Waters' first season as head coach a pleasant task, especially if the Mountaineers can make it through the post-season tourney. Williams has been tabbed as at least the equal of Jerry West of the Lakers when the pro star was a soph.

Williams, one of five Negroes who will play for West Virginia for the first time, has excellent credentials with his 31-point scoring average as the stickout statistic. But Williams can do more than just score and is an all round, ballplayer.

Senior John Leshner (6-5) contributes the experience to West Virginia as the only starter back. Senior Bob Benfield (6-8), a big man who hustles, and sophs Jim Lewis (6-3) and Dave Reaser (6-6) complete the starting five.

Snyder, a 6-5 senior all-Southern Conference performer, has an all-sophomore supporting cast at Davidson, but that may not be enough to zoom the Wildcats to another conference title. Walt Wenk, a 6-1 senior, is the starting point for the optimism on William and Mary's campus.

Western Kentucky has a wealth of talent wrapped around Clem Haskins, a 6-3 junior, and the Hilltoppers' main task will be fending off the M and M teams—Murray and Morehead. Eastern Kentucky won't give up its championship without a fight, either.

SOUTH-EASTERN CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Vanderbilt	15	1	23	3
Tennessee	12	4	20	5
Auburn	11	5	16	9
Florida	11	5	16	9
Kentucky	10	6	15	10
Alabama	9	7	17	9
Louisiana State	7	9	11	14
Mississippi State	6	10	10	16
Georgia	4	12	8	18
Tulane	2	14	3	22
Mississippi	1	15	4	21

SOUTH

Charting the THE LEADING PLAYERS

NAME	COLLEGE	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	TP	AVG	REB
AKIN, HENRY	Morehead State	Sr.	6' 9"	Troy, Mich.	20	146	49.4	82	83.7	374	18.6	251
ANDREWS, AL	Tulane	Jr.	6' 0"	Benton Harbor, Mich.	25	193	41.1	87	79.8	473	18.9	116
BODKIN, EDDIE	Eastern Kentucky	Sr.	6' 7"	Harrodsburg, Ky.	25	226	47.6	108	79.4	560	22.4	290
COKER, PETE	North Carolina State	Sr.	6' 5"	Allentown, Pa.	25	132	52.3	51	68.9	315	12.6	250
CONNELLY, JIM	Virginia	Jr.	6' 3"	Williamstown, W. Va.	25	185	45.6	85	63.9	455	18.3	129
DAMPIER, LOUIE	Kentucky	Jr.	6' 0"	Indianapolis, Ind.	25	171	51.2	84	84.0	426	17.0	123
De FORE, LEE	Auburn	Sr.	6' 6"	Atlanta, Ga.	23	145	44.4	73	79.3	363	15.8	144
FILIPK, RON	Tennessee Tech	Jr.	6' 4"	Camden, N. J.	25	137	37.2	80	76.1	354	14.2	271
HAMMONDS, HARRY	Alabama	Sr.	6' 5"	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	26	144	44.0	47	61.8	335	12.9	245
HASKINS, CLEM	Western Kentucky	Jr.	6' 3"	Campbellsville, Ky.	27	252	44.9	129	67.9	633	23.4	293
HEROMAN, HARRY	Louisiana State	Sr.	6' 6"	Baton Rouge, La.	26	133	41.8	108	78.2	375	14.4	197
JOHNSON, STEWART	Murray St.	Sr.	6' 8"	Clairton, Pa.	26	210	43.2	100	72.8	520	20.0	367
KALINOWSKI, DON	Loyola	Sr.	6' 4"	Camden, N. J.	24	136	37.5	77	74.7	349	14.5	268
KELLER, GARY	Florida	Jr.	6' 9"	St. Petersburg, Fla.	25	121	50.0	70	62.5	312	12.5	247
KERWIN, TOM	Centenary	Sr.	6' 7"	Washington, N. J.	24	219	46.8	142	71.7	580	24.2	226
LEE, CLYDE	Vanderbilt	Sr.	6' 9"	Nashville, Tenn.	28	239	46.3	153	67.1	631	22.5	420
LEONARD, BOB	Wake Forest	Sr.	6' 2"	Kingsport, Tenn.	27	250	47.1	145	72.5	645	23.9	197
LEWIS, BOB	North Carolina	Jr.	6' 3"	Long Branch, N. C.	24	191	48.9	123	70.3	505	21.0	192
MARIN, JACK	Duke	Sr.	6' 6"	Farrell, Pa.	25	195	54.6	87	70.8	477	19.1	257
MAHAFFEY, RANDY	Clemson	Jr.	6' 7"	LaGrange, Ga.	23	145	49.8	108	69.7	398	17.3	224
MATTOCKS, TOMMY	North Carolina State	Sr.	6' 3"	Kinston, N. C.	26	139	52.3	75	77.3	353	13.6	133
Mc MILLEN, JAY	Maryland	Jr.	6' 7"	Mansfield, Pa.	26	206	48.6	100	76.3	512	19.7	191
MOATES, JOHNNY	Richmond	Jr.	6' 1"	Richmond, Va.	26	148	41.5	69	75.0	365	14.0	97
RILEY, PAT	Kentucky	Jr.	6' 4"	Schenectady, N. Y.	25	160	43.2	55	61.8	375	15.0	212
SCHMAUS, CHARLIE	Virginia Military	Sr.	6' 3"	Ford City, Pa.	21	165	40.6	59	72.8	389	18.1	235
SCHULL, GARY	Florida State	Sr.	6' 7"	Pompano Beach, Fla.	26	120	45.6	85	66.3	325	12.5	273
SMITH, DWIGHT	Western Kentucky	Jr.	6' 4"	Princeton, Ky.	27	137	44.0	81	69.8	355	13.1	304
SNYDER, DICK	Davidson	Sr.	6' 5"	N. Canton, Ohio	26	221	54.8	83	80.6	525	20.2	226
STENFTENAGEL, MICK.	Georgia Tech	Sr.	6' 1"	Jasper, Ind.	5	29	42.6	10	76.9	68	13.6	24
THOMAS, KEITH	Vanderbilt	Sr.	6' 3"	Louisville, Ky.	28	143	52.3	56	86.2	342	12.2	84
VACENDAK, STEVE	Duke	Sr.	6' 1"	Scranton, Pa.	25	165	46.6	75	61.0	405	16.2	164
VERGA, BOB	Duke	Jr.	6' 0"	Sea Girt, N. J.	25	229	53.1	76	65.5	534	21.4	84
WALLER, JERRY	Georgia	Sr.	6' 7"	Thomaston, Ga.	24	155	44.8	93	64.6	403	16.8	258
WARD, GARY	Maryland	Sr.	6' 5"	Washington, D. C.	26	185	47.9	99	81.8	469	18.0	271
WENK, WALTER	William and Mary	Sr.	6' 1"	Alexandria, Va.	25	124	42.0	110	63.6	358	14.3	113
WIDBY, RON	Tennessee	Jr.	6' 4"	Knoxville, Tenn.	25	162	45.5	38	77.6	362	14.5	207
WOODS, TOMMY	East Tennessee State	Jr.	6' 6"	Alcoa, Tenn.	23	135	41.9	78	63.4	348	15.1	450
WOODSIDE, JERRY	East Carolina	Sr.	6' 4"	Durham, N. C.	22	156	54.9	118	82.8	430	19.6	187

SOPHS TO WATCH

Ron Williams (6-3) is one of three fine sophs at West Virginia and as a frosh averaged 31 ppg, 10 rebounds and seven assists. North Carolina has a ready-made starter in Larry Miller (6-3), who scored at a 32-point clip. Mike Lewis (6-7) starts for Duke after scoring 22.4 ppg and pulling down 17.5 rebounds for the Blue Devil frosh. Curt Eckard (6-5) of Clemson and Charles Alford (6-8) of East Carolina bring 20-point plus and 12-rebounds plus to their varsities, while Bill Tipton (6-2) is the best backcourt prospect at East Tennessee in over a decade. William and Mary have two standouts in Jim Rama (6-6) and Ron Panneton (6-3), as does Western Kentucky with Greg Smith (6-5½) and Butch Kaufman (5-9). Coach Frank McGuire is reaping the harvest of hustling while recruiting and has a trio of stickout sophs at South Carolina in Jack Thompson and Skip Harlicka, both 6-1, and Frank Standard (6-4). Maryland has a "double dip" in Julius Johnson (6-0) and Bill Jones (6-1). Pete Thorne (6-4) and Phil Wagner (6-1½) spell double jeopardy for Georgia Tech's foes. Jim Youngblood (6-4) of Georgia, Bo Wyenandt (6-4) of Vanderbilt and Dave Stroupe (6-6) of Wake Forest are valuable additions. Kentucky has classified Cliff Berger (6-8½) as a must-come-through soph, and Mike Gibbs (6-5) is one of four second-year players who may crack Centenary's lineup. Mike Turner (6-5) scored 15.6 ppg for Richmond's frosh; LSU considers Pete Henry (6-6) strong and aggressive, and Ted Adams (6-1) is a good ball-handler and driver for Loyola of New Orleans. Leonard Poole (5-10) gives Murray State a good scorer, and Mike Nardholz (6-1) is one of two sophs starting for Alabama. Alex Howell (6-3) of Auburn, John Schroeder (6-8) of Virginia, Mitch Urbanski (6-5) of Tulane and Mike Butler (6-2) of Memphis State have bright futures.

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Duke	11	3	20	5
*North Carolina State	10	4	21	5
Maryland	10	4	18	8
North Carolina	10	4	15	9
Ake Forest	6	8	12	15
Clemson	4	10	8	15
Virginia	3	11	7	18
South Carolina	2	12	6	17

*Won tournament championship

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Davidson	12	0	24	2
Virginia Tech	8	3	13	10
Citadel	8	5	13	11
*West Virginia	8	6	13	11
George Washington	6	7	10	13
William and Mary	6	8	12	13
Richmond	6	10	10	16
Virginia Military	5	9	8	13
Furman	2	13	6	19

*Won tournament championship

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Eastern Kentucky	13	1	19	5
Western Kentucky	10	4	17	8
Murray State	9	5	19	7
Tennessee Tech	8	6	14	11
Morehead	6	8	13	10
Eastern Tennessee	4	10	6	17
Middle Tennessee	4	10	6	18
Austin Peay	2	12	4	17

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Sizing up the MIDWEST

All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: Minnesota.
RUNNER-UP: Michigan.
BIG TEN: Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa.
MID-AMERICAN: Ohio, Miami, Toledo.
INDEPENDENTS: Dayton, DePaul, Detroit.

AREA ALL-AMERICANS:
Cazzie Russell, Michigan.
Henry Finkel, Dayton.
Dave Schellhase, Purdue.
Lou Hudson, Minnesota.
Steve Thomas, Xavier.



BILL BACKENSTO
Toledo

The top scorer returning to Toledo this season, Backensto averaged 18.2 ppg after an outstanding frosh season in which he scored at a record 32.8 clip. The 6-3 junior was a high school sensation in Dearborn, Mich., and was sought by many major colleges for both his football and basketball prowess, but he selected Toledo for its College of Engineering. In the engineering curriculum, Bill was a straight A student. Bill scored with 44.6 per cent accuracy from the floor last season and tallied 439 points. He also grabbed 133 rebounds.

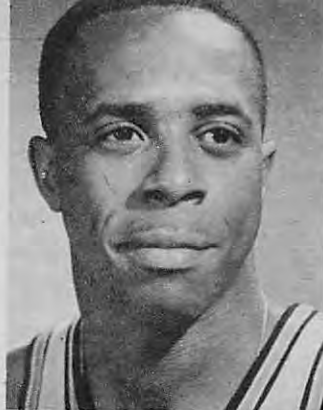


JIM BURNS
Northwestern

Tabbed by Wildcats' followers as the best sophomore in the Big 10, the 6-4 Burns was the highest scoring second-year player in Northwestern's history. He also was the best rebounding guard the Wildcats have ever had. Jim, who hit a high-water mark with 31 points against Purdue, finished the season with 411 points and a 17.1 ppg average. From the backcourt slot he manned, Burns was more than efficient playing the boards with 194 rebounds. A resident of McLeansboro, Ill., Burns and 6-8 Jim Pitts form a 1-2 punch that is difficult to match.



DAVE BROWN of Ohio scores against Miami en route to playoff victory that advanced Bobcats to NCAA tournament.



DON FREEMAN

Illinois

Graduation losses hit the Illini hard and Coach Harry Combes is glad to have this 6-1½ senior back to lead his team in a very attractive schedule this winter. Freeman, the lone starter back, teamed with Skip Thoren and Tal Brody to give Illinois an 18-6 record as he was the third highest scorer with 440 points and an 18.6 ppg average. Despite his size, Freeman played forward and took down 226 rebounds for an average of 9.4 a game. The Madison, Ill., resident also proved to be quite a sharp-shooter connecting on 178 shots for 48.8 per cent accuracy.



TOM LANGFITT

Marshall

The basketball empire at Marshall crumbled and only now is beginning to come to life with an outstanding group of sophomores which will be steadied by Langfitt. The 6-4 senior from Washington, Pa., is the guiding light for Coach Ellis Johnson's rebuilding plan. As a guard last season, Tom scored 21.2 ppg to lead the Thundering Herd's scorers for the second straight season. His versatility will be tested this winter when he switches to forward to make room for the onrush of second-year players. The All-Mid-American Conference star can drive and shoot.



CHRIS PERVALL

Iowa

The emergence of Iowa as a "spoiler" last winter in the Big 10 Conference can be traced to Pervall and George Peeples. Chris, only 6-2, came out of Coffeyville (Kan.) Junior College and immediately broke into the Hawkeyes' starting lineup, becoming the high scorer in the majority of games. A slick ball-handler with plenty of basketball savvy, Pervall made the all-Big 10 team with his 21.1-point scoring norm. He tallied 38 points again Illinois, a total that is the third highest ever registered by a Hawkeye. The 185 pounder aspires to become an accountant.



STAN WASHINGTON

Michigan State

Coach John Bennington takes over Michigan State's team that won only five games last winter and has a foundation for rebuilding the Spartan squad in Washington. Stan, a 6-3 senior from Detroit, not only led the Spartans in scoring last winter but also was the No. 1 rebounder. The 21-year-old letterman for three seasons shot 47.4 per cent from the field in running up a 21.3 ppg norm and 490 total points. Cleaning the boards—both offensive and defensive—is his specialty as he corralled 248 caroms for a 10.7 average. Was nation's 12th best foul-shooter.



JIM COLEMAN

Loyola

Playing 813 minutes, the longest by any of the Ramblers, last season, Jim is the picture of consistency and poise with his accurate jump-shooting from around the foul circle. The 6-0 senior is extremely fast and picked up his outstanding poise from playing service ball in the Army after prepping at Crane Tech. The Chicago resident led the Ramblers in scoring with 441 points and a 17.6 average while also nailing 117 rebounds. Jim also is a fine ball-handler and defensive player, which makes him one of Coach George Ireland's mainstays this season.



TOM FLYNN

Marquette

Many of Marquette's scoring records are in jeopardy this winter with the presence of Flynn, a 6-5 senior from Milwaukee. The 21-year-old cager has tallied 880 points in his two varsity campaigns so far and should become the eighth scorer in Marquette's history to hit the 1,000-point plateau. The Warriors' most valuable player the past two years, Flynn also was a unanimous choice to the All-Milwaukee Classic team for two years running. Flynn averages 16.5 ppg and 10.5 rebounds and combined with Paul Carbins to give Marquette a strong board team.



DORRIE MURREY

Detroit

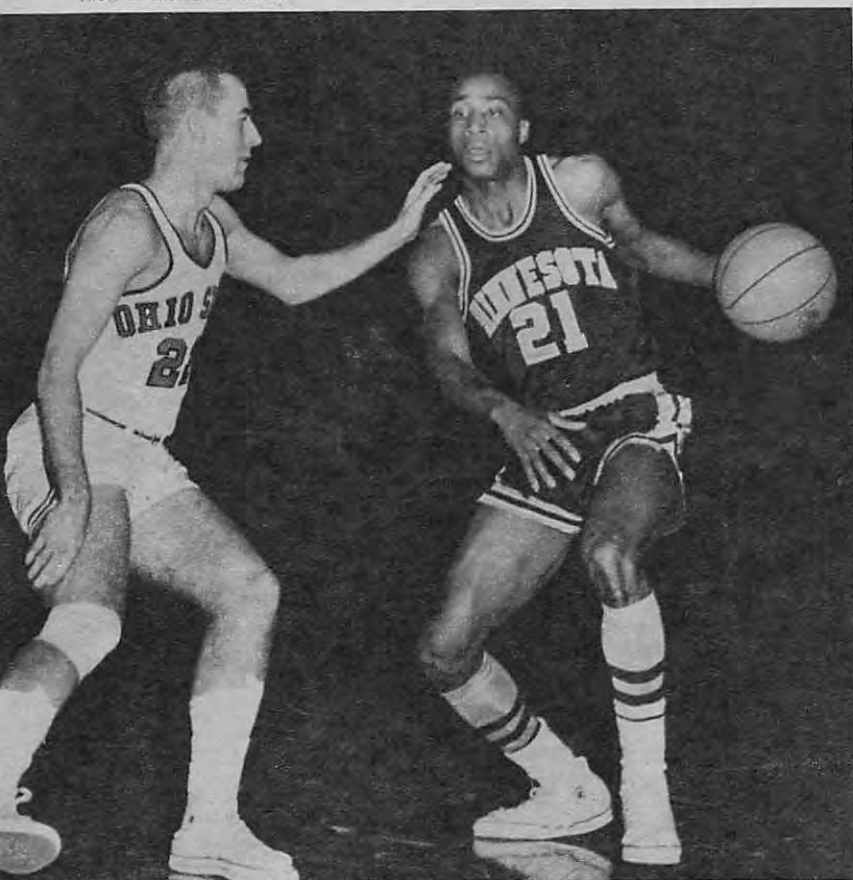
Coach Bob Calihan brought Dorrie along gradually and the 6-8 senior has blossomed into one of the most accurate collegiate sharpshooters in the nation. The Detroit ace, while being the Titans' second leading scorer to Lou Hyatt, shot 55.2 per cent as a soph to set a Detroit record. Then last season, Murrey continued his torrid shooting and was 13th nationally with a 55.6 per cent of accuracy. Besides scoring 467 points for a 17.2 ppg average, Murrey was tops off the boards with 366 rebounds. Murrey is a student in Detroit's College of Engineering.



OLIVER DARDEN

Michigan

Playing with All-Americans such as Cazzie Russell and Bill Buntin last season when the Wolverines were runners-up in the NCAA final, Darden was taken for granted and his steady play was somewhat overlooked. But the 6-7 senior is captain of the team this winter and his assets will come more to the forefront. While he tallied 363 points for a 12.9 ppg norm, Darden's forte is rebounding. He had 246 retrieves last winter and the Detroit dynamo should be even stronger this winter as he teams with Russell. Michigan depends a lot on Darden.



MINNY HA-HA! THE GOPHERS ARE GREAT

ARCHIE CLARK, Minnesota's
captain, steers the ball
past Ohio State's Jim Brown.

■ Mighty Michigan won at the polls, but lost on the court.

The Wolverines, after enjoying the No. 1 spot all last winter in the weekly balloting of the wire services, ran into UCLA in the NCAA final at Portland, Ore., and came off second best. Now, the prospect of coming out second best in the Big Ten Conference is staring the Wolverines in the face.

Minnesota has the manpower to grab off the Big Ten crown and is ready to make the big push for the championship in the final step of an orderly progression plan. The Gophers finished third two years ago, second last March and have their best opportunity in years to go all the way.

Just as coach Dave Strack took Michigan from the depths of the conference several years back to within 12 points of the national title, the Gophers now feel it's their turn to represent the Big Ten in the national tournament. Most of the teams in the league agree, figuring the Wolverines lost too much through graduation.

The situation in the Mid-American Conference is much the same, with Ohio and Miami suffering huge losses with the awarding of diplomas last June. But while Minnesota is talent-laden and ready to step in and take command, no team in the Mid-Amer-

ican Conference wants the role of favorite.

The dispersal of talent throughout the league makes most of the teams reluctant to step up and be counted as the top threat. So, the choice goes to Ohio, which trimmed Miami, 76-71, in a playoff game after both teams finished the regular season with identical 11-1 records.

Dayton is dubbed the best of the independents in the midsection of the country, but not by much. All of the other powers—De Paul, Detroit and Marquette—are not that far behind the Flyers to be ruled out of post-season tournaments. It will just be a matter of which teams come up with the better won-lost records.

Minnesota lost its greatest rebounder—6-8 Mel Northway—but he was the Gophers' only graduate and they have to be considered as an improved team. Michigan, conversely, not only lost its big rebounding punch in Bill Buntin, but also saw "Degree Day" prune Larry Trégoning and George Pomey from the roster. All three were starters. All-America Cazzie Russell and Oliver Darden can't be expected to do it alone.

Minnesota, buoyed by its All-America Lou Hudson, returns four of its starters and its top two reserves.

This bench is what gives the Gophers their winning look.

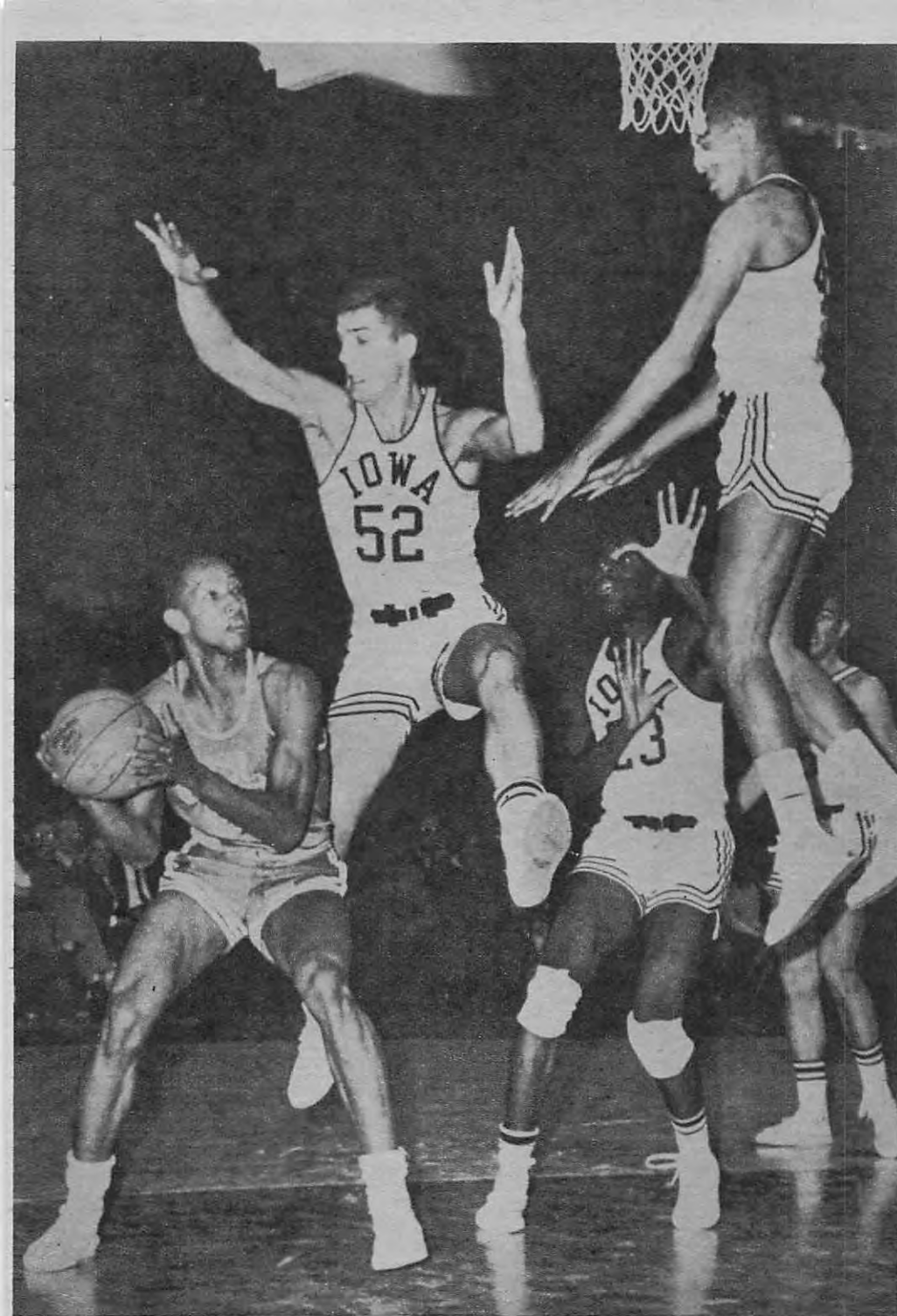
Hudson, a 6-5 senior, snapped a single-season Minnesota scoring record last year when the Gophers went 11-3 in the league. He scored 23.3 a game for a 558 total besides being a stickout on defense.

His defensive ability was mainly responsible for the Gophers being the best defensive team in the league. Through their 19-5 overall record, the Gophers yielded an average of 74.8 points per game.

Captain Archie Clark (6-1½), Dennis Dvoracek (6-6) and Don Yates (6-2½), all seniors, are the other returning starters. Moving in to fill Northway's shoes is 6-7 soph Tom Kondla, a strong rebounder. Kondla's development is the key to the Gophers' running their blend of pattern offense and fast break successfully.

So far, this attack has gleaned 36 victories and only 12 setbacks for coach Johnny Kundla in two years of the tough Big Ten skirmishing. Kundla can run his club this way because he makes use of his bench, which includes junior Paul Bresthus (6-5) and senior Wes Martins (5-11).

Fred Kusch (6-8), a soph like Kondla, is the No. 2 center and can put enough pressure on Kondla to



GARY OLSEN (52) and George Peeples of Iowa are on their way up as UCLA's Ed Lacey comes down.

keep him hustling. Wayne Barry, a 6-0 soph, backs up the backcourt corps.

Michigan was so dependent on Russell last season that the Wolverines lost their only game in the conference to Ohio State when Cazzie wasn't playing. Up to that late-season loss, Russell pulled the Wolverines up by their boot straps on numerous occasions.

Russell is truly one of the best players in the country, but defenses will be able to apply more pressure

on him without the inside and corner threats from Buntin and Tregoning. Pomey's graduation drops the Wolverines' defense a notch or two.

Michigan isn't devoid of talent by any means, but Strack's crew won't be able to wear down the opposition with its intense rebounding as it did last winter. Darden (6-7) and junior Craig Dill (6-10) will have to work hard on the boards along with Russell.

John Thompson, a 6-0 senior, junior Dennis Bankey (6-1) and senior John Clawson (6-4) comprise the re-

mainder of the Wolverines' frontliners. Jim Pitts, a 6-3 soph, is the only other player with enough ability to break in and contribute something to Michigan's defense of its Big Ten crown.

While the prognosticators have zeroed in on the M and M teams, Iowa may surprise with an experienced quintet headed by Chris Pervall (6-2) and George Peeples (6-8), a pair of seniors. Junior Jerry Jones (6-4) and seniors Gary Olson (6-5) and Dennis Pauling (6-4) make the Hawkeyes solid with lettermen and height.

Sophs at Iowa don't lower its height advantage, with Huston Breedlove and Dick Agnew, both 6-6, and Ben McGilmer, a 6-7 operator.

Ohio saw a lot of its scoring leave through graduation, but has a quartet of juniors starting with John Schroeder (6-9), Mike Hammond (5-10), Dave Brown (6-0) and Ken Fowlkes (6-4). Soph Fred Cluff (6-8) plays up front with Fowlkes in the three-guard offense. Schroeder is what makes the Bobcats tick.

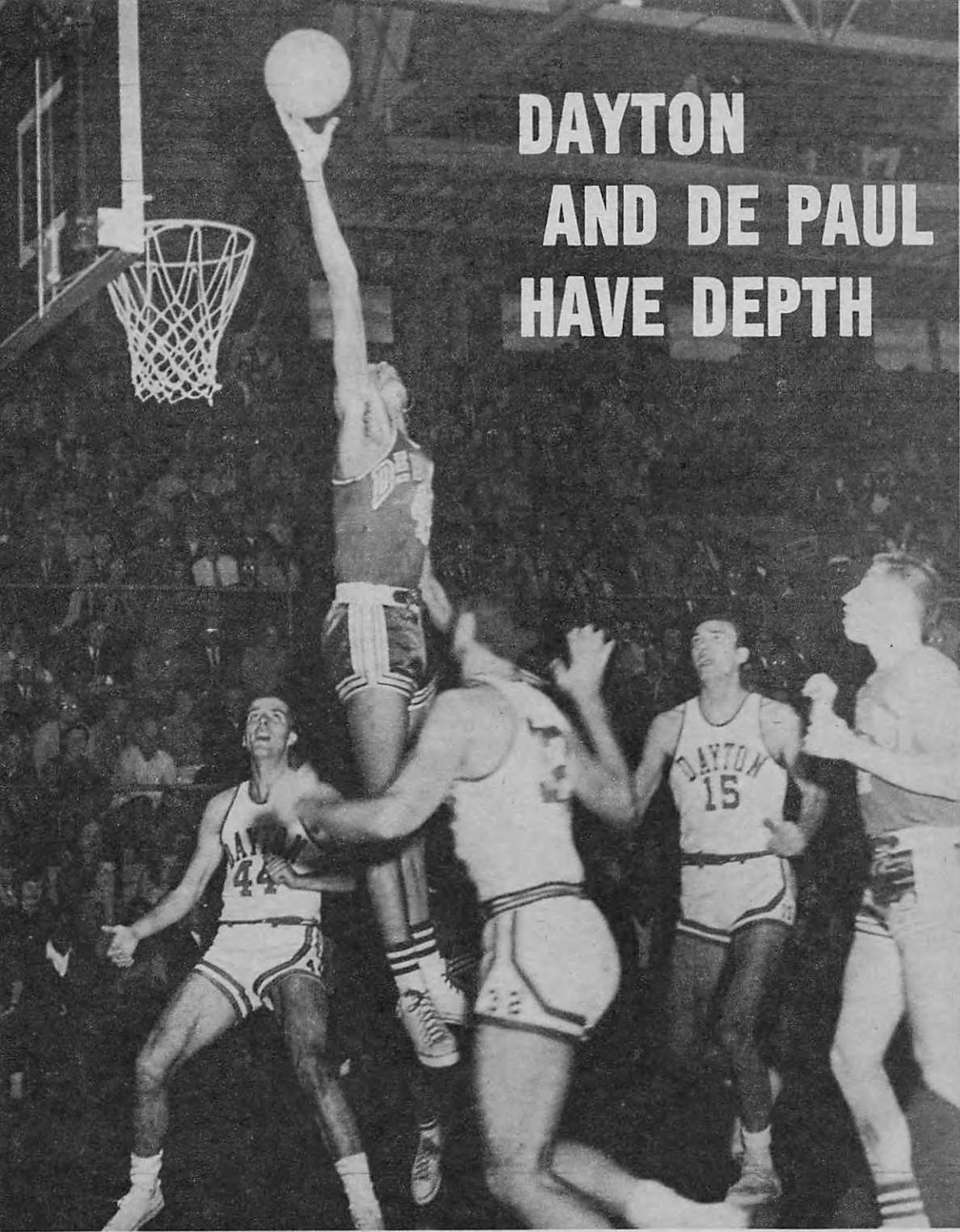
Miami would like its opponents to think it is in a rebuilding year because it lost Jeff Gehring, Charley Coles, Charley Dinkins and Johnny Swann. But if the Redskins thought Ohio was their main roadblock to the title, they would stake a claim themselves. That is because of the balance in the league this winter and also because of the key role that sophs will play.

Miami has only one soph among its first seven players and he is Phil Snow, sharp-shooting 5-9 speedster. With Snow representing the inexperience—"or rebuilding"—coach Dick Shrider has seniors Jerry Peirson (6-5), one of the best operators in the league; Jim Patterson (6-6½), Bob Jackson (6-3) and Rich Chamberlain (6-4). Juniors Walt Williams and Jerry Fisher, both 6-2, are not exactly newcomers to the league.

Toledo is a team that could play it in a slow tempo and come on with a burst that will make the rest of the league appear to be standing still. The Rockets have seniors Bob Aston (6-8) and John Ayling (6-4) and junior Bill Backensto (6-3). All three averaged in double figures and new coach Bob Nichols is pleasantly surprised with the talent on hand.

Kent has an all-senior starting lineup and Bowling Green will be rough

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DAYTON AND DE PAUL HAVE DEPTH

ERROLL PALMER of De Paul gives a long stretch to reach the ball, and Dayton trio of Bob Sullivan, Dennis Papp and Henry Finkel can't seem to believe their eyes.

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once its sophomores begin to mesh. Wal Piatkowski (6-8) had a 21.7 ppg norm for the frosh team that had some top-drawer material.

The muddled midwest picture makes Dayton the best of the independents because of the presence of All-America Henry Finkel. But the Flyers haven't any clear-cut rights to being No. 1. As the independent picture is as clouded as the conference battles.

Soph Don May (6-4) has stabilized the Flyers' front-court and coach Don

Donoher has enough other talent to go with Finkel, who averaged 25.3 ppg last season in leading Dayton to a 22-7 record. The Flyers made the NCAA tourney—and they could again—and lost, 98-71, to Michigan.

De Paul has three seniors and two juniors for coach Ray Meyer to start an experienced quintet, and Detroit has a powerful 1-2 punch in Lou Hyatt (6-2) and Dorrie Murrey (6-8), a pair of seniors.

Tom Flynn, a 16.5 ppg scorer, makes Marquette tough; Loyola has Jim

Coleman and Billy Smith in addition to a great soph contingent, and Xavier has All-America Steve Thomas for half the season.

Butler loses four players from its best offensive unit in the school's history and Notre Dame seems headed for a down year.

Sophs, however, have a funny way of finding themselves and coming on strong. Second-year players in the Midwest could upset the best laid plans—in both the conferences and among the independents.

THE LEADING PLAYERS

NAME	COLLEGE	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN	G	FG	FG %	FT	FT%	TP	AVG	REB
ALOY, NICK	Bowling Green	Sr.	6' 2"	Midland, Pa.	23	135	43.4	60	71.4	330	14.4	75
AYLING, JOHN	Toledo	Sr.	6' 4"	Toledo, Ohio	24	129	47.4	118	64.5	376	15.7	175
BACKENSTO, BILL	Toledo	Jr.	6' 3"	Dearborn, Mich.	24	149	44.6	141	79.6	439	18.2	133
BARNES, KEN	Wisconsin	Sr.	6' 3"	Decatur, Ill.	20	122	46.9	62	73.8	306	15.3	176
BURNS, JIM	Northwestern	Jr.	6' 4"	McLeansboro, Ill.	24	167	41.4	77	68.7	411	17.1	194
CLARK, ARCHIE	Minnesota	Sr.	6' 2"	Ecorse, Mich.	24	128	45.9	88	68.2	344	14.3	114
COLEMAN, JIM	Loyola	Sr.	6' 0"	Chicago, Ill.	25	165	46.2	111	73.5	441	17.6	117
DARDEN, OLIVER	Michigan	Sr.	6' 7"	Detroit, Ill.	28	152	47.2	59	62.1	363	12.9	246
FINKEL, HENRY	Dayton	Sr.	6' 11"	Union City, N. J.	29	293	65.1	147	70.3	733	25.3	431
FLYNN, TOM	Marquette	Sr.	6' 5"	Milwaukee, Wis.	26	162	37.6	106	71.1	430	16.5	273
FREEMAN, DON	Illinois	Sr.	6' 2"	Madison, Ill.	24	178	48.8	84	68.9	440	18.3	226
HUDSON, LOU	Minnesota	Sr.	6' 5"	Greensboro, N. C.	24	231	49.9	96	78.0	558	23.3	247
HYATT, LOU	Detroit	Sr.	6' 2"	Detroit, Mich.	26	202	43.2	88	77.2	492	17.6	122
LANGFITT, TOM	Marshall	Sr.	6' 4"	Washington, Pa.	24	216	45.4	77	78.6	509	21.2	139
McCANN, BUCKY	Notre Dame	Sr.	6' 3"	West Palm Beach, Fla.	27	87	42.0	42	70.7	216	8.0	112
MURREY, DORIE	Detroit	Sr.	6' 8"	Detroit, Mich.	27	173	55.6	121	65.2	467	17.2	366
PALMER, ERROL	De Paul	Jr.	6' 5"	Chicago, Ill.	27	101	42.9	85	72.0	287	10.6	302
PEEPLES, GEORGE	Iowa	Sr.	6' 8"	Ecorse, Mich.	24	156	51.1	97	61.8	409	17.0	249
PERVALL, CHRIS	Iowa	Sr.	6' 2"	Newark, N. J.	24	198	45.7	111	65.7	507	21.1	130
PITTS, JIM	Northwestern	Sr.	6' 8"	Chicago, Ill.	20	83	48.5	65	49.9	232	11.6	268
RUSSELL, CAZZIE	Michigan	Sr.	6' 5"	Chicago, Ill.	27	271	48.6	152	81.7	694	25.7	213
SCHELLHASE, DAVE	Purdue	Sr.	6' 4"	Evansville, Ind.	24	249	45.1	206	79.0	704	29.3	194
SEPIC, RON	Ohio State	Jr.	6' 4"	Uniontown, Pa.	24	150	37.9	63	63.6	363	13.1	206
SHADE, LARRY	Butler	Sr.	5' 10"	Seymour, Ind.	26	102	52.1	71	73.9	275	10.6	116
SIMS, DOUG	Kent	Sr.	6' 7"	Springfield, Twp., Ohio	20	105	44.4	61	77.2	283	14.2	178
SMITH, BILLY	Loyola	Sr.	6' 5"	New York City, N. Y.	11	91	48.9	88	66.7	270	24.5	140
THOMAS, STEVE	Xavier	Sr.	6' 0"	Cincinnati, Ohio	14	166	49.1	73	81.1	405	28.9	51
WASHINGTON, STAN	Michigan State	Sr.	6' 3"	Detroit, Mich.	23	185	47.4	120	85.1	490	21.3	248
WILLIAMS, BRYAN	Xavier	Sr.	6' 5"	Danville, Ill.	24	133	40.7	78	82.1	344	14.3	169
WOLF, BOB	Marquette	Jr.	6' 2"	Menomonee Falls, Wis.	26	123	39.4	126	70.3	372	14.3	116
ZUBOR, MARK	Wisconsin	Sr.	6' 6"	Cicero, Ill.	22	137	47.2	71	67.0	345	15.7	180

SOPHS TO WATCH

Marquette has two starters in Blanton Simmons (6-5) and Brad Luchini (6-2), and Xavier has the same in Bob Quick (6-6) and Jim Lacey (6-8). Three of six prized sophs who will start for Indiana are Harry (Butch) Joyner (6-4), Dick Schrumpt (6-9) and Vern Payne (5-10) and Loyola has four sophs who scored in double figures in Corky Bell and Alan Miller, both 6-2; Doug Wardlaw (6-0) and Denny Patterson (6-4). Tom Kondla (6-7) is one of three topflight sophs who will start for Minnesota; William Hosket (6-6) already has earned a starting berth at Ohio State, and Mike Weaver (6-5) could be a starter at Northwestern before the season is completed. Jim Pitts (6-3) is the best of the newcomers at Michigan. Marshall, which enjoyed a 19-0 season from its frosh, has Bob Redd (6-3), Orville Stepp and Joe Dawson, both 6-0, and George Stone (6-7). Kent State has a quintet of top sophomore talent, headed by Larry Horner (6-1). Detroit is anxiously watching the development of Rick Pine (6-5), Larry Salci (6-2) and Bruce Rodwon (6-5). Michigan State is depending heavily on Steve Rymal (6-1), Art Baylor (6-6) and Gerald Geistler (6-8), all starters. Illinois may start Rich Jones (6-7) and Ron Dunlop (6-8). Dayton is trying to stabilize its front line with 6-4 Don May. Brian Keller (6-4) and Bob Kocmali (6-2) are looking for action, and may get it, at Notre Dame, while Bowling Green boasts Walt Piatkowski (6-8) as the best of six sophs. He averaged 21.7 ppg as a frosh. Denny Brady (6-2) at Purdue, Phil Snow (5-9) at Miami and Fred Cluff (6-8) at Ohio makes those varsities stronger. Wisconsin has four top sophs, and Iowa, De Paul, Toledo and Western Michigan each has three stellar sophomores.

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Michigan	13	1	24	4
Minnesota	11	3	19	5
Illinois	10	4	18	6
Indiana	9	5	19	5
Iowa	8	6	14	10
Ohio State	6	8	12	12
Purdue	5	9	12	12
Wisconsin	4	10	10	14
Northwestern	3	11	7	17
Michigan State	1	13	5	18

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SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Ohio	11	1	19	7
Miami	11	1	20	5
Bowling Green	6	6	9	15
Toledo	6	6	13	11
Kent	4	8	9	11
Western Michigan	3	9	8	16
Marshall	1	11	4	20

MAJOR
INDEPENDENTS

SCHOOL	W	L	SCHOOL	W	L
Dayton	22	7	Loyola	11	14
Detroit	20	8	Xavier	11	15
De Paul	17	10	Butler	11	15
Notre Dame	15	12	Marquette	8	18

Sizing up the

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States

All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: Kansas.

RUNNER-UP: Bradley.

MISSOURI VALLEY: Bradley, Louisville, Wichita.

BIG EIGHT: Kansas, Kansas State, Oklahoma.

INDEPENDENTS: Oklahoma City, Creighton, Air Force.

AREA ALL-AMERICAN:
Walt Wesley, Kansas.



PAT FRINK

Colorado

Mustering a winning record (13-12) didn't come easily for Colorado last season, and Frink's scoring had plenty to do with Coach Russell (Sox) Walseth's charges making the winning side of the ledger. Frink's figures were not astronomical because his average was only 15 ppg. But the 6-3 junior was great in the clutch, and when the Buffaloes needed points, he was there. The Wheat Ridge, Colo., cager was high scorer in nine of 25 games and hit a hot streak when he was over 20 points in three consecutive games in the middle of the season. His high game was 24 points.



JAMIE THOMPSON

Wichita

Sophomores usually need time to mature and work into the varsity and starting lineup gradually. But in the case of Thompson, he developed fast and gave the Shockers that extra push toward the Missouri Valley Conference title when they needed it most. Like Kelly Pete, Thompson also hails from Wichita, which really gives the Shockers' fans something to cheer about. Thompson, a 6-3 junior, played 24 games and hit on 49.1 per cent of his shots while compiling a 12.6 ppg average and scoring a total of 302 points. Jamie never hit the sidelines on five fouls.

KELLY PETE of Wichita floats the ball into the basket for a two-pointer against Cincinnati.



CHARLEY HUNTER
Oklahoma City

Known as "Big Game" to go with his last name, Charley is a standout on defense besides contributing his share of points. The 6-4 senior from Glasgow, Ky., threw in 514 points for a 16.5 ppg average, making him second in the scoring department only to Jerry Lee Wells. Majoring in education, the 21-year-old cager plays either guard or forward and works well on both the offensive and defensive boards. Last season, when the Chiefs rode to a 21-10 record, Hunter cleaned the boards 246 times for a 7.9 norm in 31 games. His 226 field goals were more than anyone on the team.



JERRY LEE WELLS
Oklahoma City

Like Charley Hunter, Wells hails from Glasgow, Ky., and completes the 1-2 punch for Coach A.E. (Abe) Lemons' roaring cage machine. Wells, a 6-2 senior majoring in education, directs the offense from his backcourt position in addition to chipping in with the lion's share of points. Wells was top scorer for the Chiefs with a 20-point average on 620 total points and was disqualified only once on personal fouls while playing a torrid brand of defense. The 190-pounder, one of the Chiefs' top returnees, also was the third best rebounder with 212 caroms to his credit.



EDDIE JACKSON
Bradley

Another great year for Jackson will put the Braves in good stead for he was the top scorer with 476 points and a 17.6 ppg average. Jackson, a product of Manual High School in Peoria, is the Braves' best defensive player and a big reason for the Braves tying for second place in the Missouri Valley Conference. He worked on construction one summer and this helped make the 6-6 senior stronger. He has all the moves and shots, but defensively he sometimes is forced to guard a bigger man, making his task tougher. He was the Braves' No. 1 rebounder with 235 retrieves for the season.



KELLY PETE
Wichita

A home-grown product from Wichita, Pete was the mainspring for the Shockers last season when they won the conference crown and fourth place in the NCAA Championship. Mid-year graduation and other losses at the semester break could have blown the Shockers out of the MVC race, but Pete held the team together and Wichita regrouped. The 6-1 senior backcourt standout, who was named the most valuable player in the NCAA Mid-west Regional tourney, had a 17.3 ppg average and surprisingly took down 211 rebounds. Pete connected on 49 per cent of his shots from the floor.



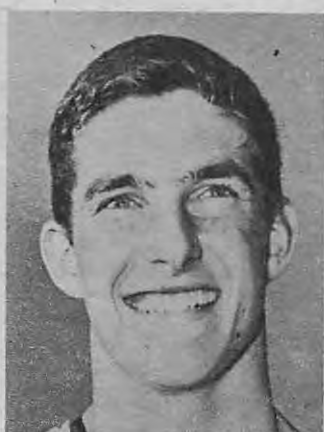
WILLIE DAVIS
North Texas State

Making it big in his first year on the varsity, Davis was named sophomore of the year in the Missouri Valley Conference after leading the Eagles in scoring and rebounding. Willie, a 6-8, 235-pound junior from Fairfield, Tex., is particularly strong and has plenty of stamina. He once ran a mile and finished third among teammates in a little over five minutes. Davis' 331 rebounds snapped a school record. The big center, who was the top scorer and rebounder as a frosh, continued his front-running pace with 420 total points and a 16.2 ppg average. Willie is an aggressive performer.



NEIL JOHNSON
Creighton

A transfer student from Tulsa, Neil became eligible at mid-semester and played in eight games in which he scored 138 points for a 17.2 ppg average. As tough as they came under the boards, this 6-7 New York City cager cleaned the boards on 95 occasions during his short stint for the Bluejays. This averaged out to 11.9 rebounds a game for the junior co-captain. Johnson shares the captaincy with senior Fritz Pointer. The 220-pounder had a sensational frosh season at Tulsa when he averaged 27.7 ppg and 17.4 rebounds. Johnson shot with a 42 per cent accuracy last season.



AL KOCH
Iowa State

Sophomores will be interwoven into the Cyclones' picture this winter, and Coach Glen Anderson is happy to have the presence of Koch and Bob Ziegler to steady the second-year players. The 6-3 Koch and Ziegler are the only seniors among the front-line players, and the Cyclones will lean on their experience. Koch led the Cyclones in both scoring and rebounding last winter while they were registering a 9-16 record. Koch hit on 45.4 per cent of his shots from the floor for a 17.8 ppg norm and 446 total points. His rebounding total of 148 was one more than Dave Fleming.



SAM PESHUT
Air Force

With a big tournament schedule coming up for the Falcons, Peshut is a valuable asset to Coach Bob Spear's team. The 6-5 senior from Monaca, Pa., is team captain and he has shown his leadership in both scoring and rebounding. The Falcons will play in the Mile High Classic, Kentucky Invitational and Far West Classic, and Peshut would like to end his cage career with a winning season. Despite Peshut's 326 points for a 14.2 ppg norm, the Falcons suffered their third straight losing season. Besides shooting 52 per cent from the floor, Peshut took down 167 rebounds.



KANSAS HAS A CLASS CLUB

WALT WESLEY, Kansas' standout, goes up for a two-pointer against Colorado.

■ Back in 1952, Kansas trimmed St. John's of New York for its first and only national championship. The Jayhawkers thoroughly relished their rise to the mecca of collegiate basketball and it was quite natural that they wanted more of the same.

So, coach Phog Allen landed the most sought-after high school player

in the country two years later, enticing Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain, out of Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, to enroll at Lawrence.

With the seven-foot Chamberlain in their midst, speculation was rampant that the Jayhawkers had virtually assured themselves another national crown in the not-too-distant future.

The next national crown never came to pass.

Chamberlain, who could handle a basketball as if it were an orange even as a schoolboy, just wasn't enough, although he did give Kansas the closest miss it will ever know. The Jayhawkers forced North Carolina into three overtime periods in the

1957 NCAA final before bowing, 54-53.

Now Kansas is on the move again and won't be content with the Big Eight Conference crown alone. Coach Ted Owens knows his squad is a top-heavy favorite in the conference, but partisan rooters—and some teams in the league also—are looking beyond to the NCAA regional play. Walt Wesley, a seven-footer, is the starting point for all the optimism.

Prairie prognosticators also have assigned Bradley an iron-clad grip on the Missouri Valley Conference crown because of the Braves' experience and all-round depth. Oklahoma City, with a 21-10 record last winter, stands out as the cream of the independent quintets in this section, followed by Creighton and the Air Force Academy.

Bradley, with its experience and sophomore help as well, will need every asset it can find because the Braves have a mammoth task on their hands. In addition to being burdened as the team-to-beat in the conference, Bradley's job still won't be complete even if it goes all the way.

There's a little matter of restoring some prestige to the Missouri Valley Conference. Although the MVC boasts of winning 64 of 93 games with outside teams for a .688 percentage, its front-runners fell on their faces in tournament play.

Wichita, the conference champ which was shorn of some topflight talent, starting with All-America Dave Stallworth at mid-season, didn't convince any basketball buffs at the NCAA final that the MVC is the toughest league in the country.

The Wheatshockers dropped a 76-69 decision to St. Joseph's of Philadelphia in the Quaker City Christmas tournament and really fell apart at the seams at Portland, Ore. UCLA, the national titlist, bombed Wichita to the sidelines, 108-89, in the semifinals.

Then came Princeton, the Ivy League champion, in the consolation game and the Tigers shell-shocked the Shockers, 118-82, as numerous NCAA records were destroyed. When was the last time an Ivy League team beat a MVC representative—and by a margin of 36 points?

Bradley and St. Louis also were guilty of downgrading the conference as both runners-up were bounced from the National Invitation Tournament and didn't get a smell of the title which went to St. John's of New York. NYU edged Bradley, 71-70, and Army, only a first-rate basketball

power the last several years, topped St. Louis, 66-60.

Now it's up to Bradley to square things and restore some of the past glory to the MVC and the Braves have the manpower to do it. Eddie Jackson, a 6-6 senior and all-conference performer who led the Braves in scoring, is fighting for a job on this talent-laden quintet—the first coached by Joe Stowell.

Veteran coach Chuck Orsborn has moved up to the athletic directorship and Stowell has ascended from the frosh coaching post. Orsborn compiled a 195-56 record during his nine years with the Braves and Stowell brings a 120-15 record to the varsity. Last winter Stowell's frosh won 14 of 15

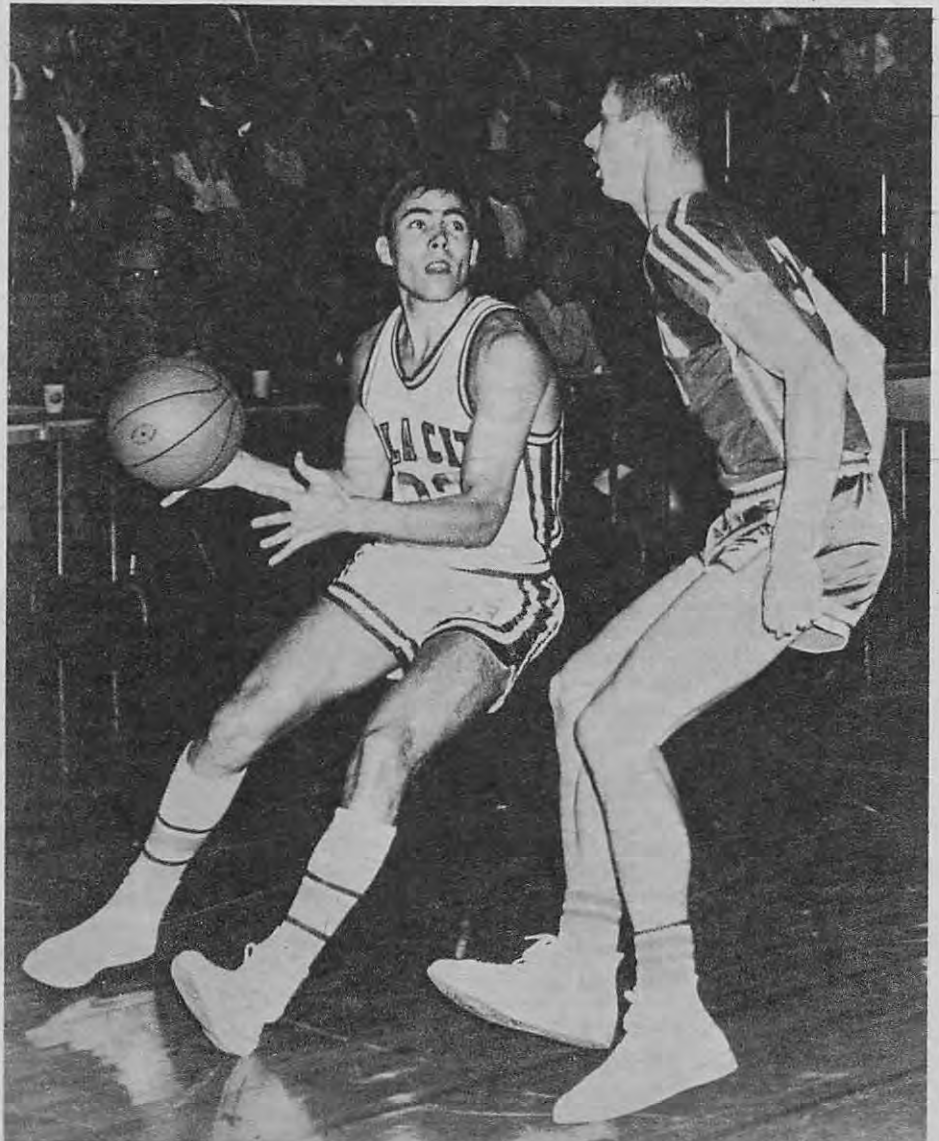
games and it's obvious that mark has endeared him to the now-sophs that made it possible.

Joe Allen, a 6-7 operator who scored at a 22.4 clip for the frosh, is such a player and is sure of being in the middle of the action all winter. Stowell also has six other veterans in addition to Jackson.

Seniors Ernie Thompson (6-3) and Ron Martin (6-5), who shot with a 58.3 per cent accuracy in the conference, lend plenty of experience along with juniors Tom Campbell (6-2), Alex McNutt (6-0), Walt Slater (6-6) and Chuck Buescher (6-1). Junior Ted Osman (6-5) has the indubitable task of vying with the high-flying soph contingent that includes

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GARY GRAY, junior star of Oklahoma City's top-rated independent club.



BRADLEY WILL BE UP THERE

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Bob Swigris (6-0), Willie Betts (6-5) and Wes Russell (6-6).

Sophs seem to be the story all around the league. Louisville, Wichita, St. Louis and Tulsa have been tabbed to chase the Braves from now until tournament time.

Westley Unsel, a 6-8 soph who averaged 35.8 points and 23.6 rebounds a game as a frosh, is the No. 1 reason for Louisville's high ranking in the league and he has help from sophs Bobby Marin (6-5) and Fred Holden (6-3). Last year, the Louisville freshmen trimmed the varsity, 87-86, in a practice game.

Kelly Pete, a 6-1 senior guard, has some veteran material and a good group of sophs to work with at Wichita. Best of the second-year players is Warren Armstrong (6-2), the best prospect the Shockers have come up with since Stallworth.

The returning veterans in Kansas' starting lineup along with Wonderful Westley, who averaged 23.5 points a game, are Riney Lochmann (6-5), Del Lewis (6-1), Al Lopes (6-5), all seniors, and junior Ron Franz (6-6). Fred Chana is another monogram winner. Among the newcomers with plenty of promise are Rodger Bohnenstiehl (6-5) and Jo-Jo White (6-2), a pair of prep All-Americans.

Coach Owens sums it up by saying, "We should improve in every phase of the game." But any optimism read into that quote is tempered by Owens' claim that the Jayhawkers need improved rebounding, better outside shooting and balanced scoring.

Kansas placed third two years ago in the Big Eight, was runner-up to Oklahoma State last March, and this is the Jayhawkers' big shot at being No. 1 in the conference. Oklahoma State had its big year last season and now doesn't figure to be anything more than a spoiler.

Kansas State and Oklahoma are consensus contenders to Kansas, but both are depending heavily on sophs to come through and can't match the Lawrence quintet's balance and experience.

Oklahoma City, the tallest team in the nation last season, has "shed"

some of its heights and rates the top independent tab because of Jerry Lee Wells (6-11), Charley Hunter (6-4) and James Ware (6-8), all seniors, and junior Gary Gray (6-1). Somehow junior Ron Bolin, only 5-9, slipped into the Chiefs' wigwam and has to battle some big sophs for the right to play.

Co-Captains Neil Johnson and Fritz Pointer, along with soph Wally Anderzunas (6-7), makes Creighton

tough, and Air Force seniors who want to go out in a blaze of glory, headed by Sam Peshut, give the Falcons a chance to get over .500. Air Force has a junior-senior quintet but was only 9-14 last season. The year's experience could make the Falcons a tartar.

Kansas and Bradley are the class teams in the Prairie area, but the story of the section seems to revolve around the sophomores and how fast they mature in fast circles.

ED JACKSON of Bradley seems to be searching for a teammate in the clear.

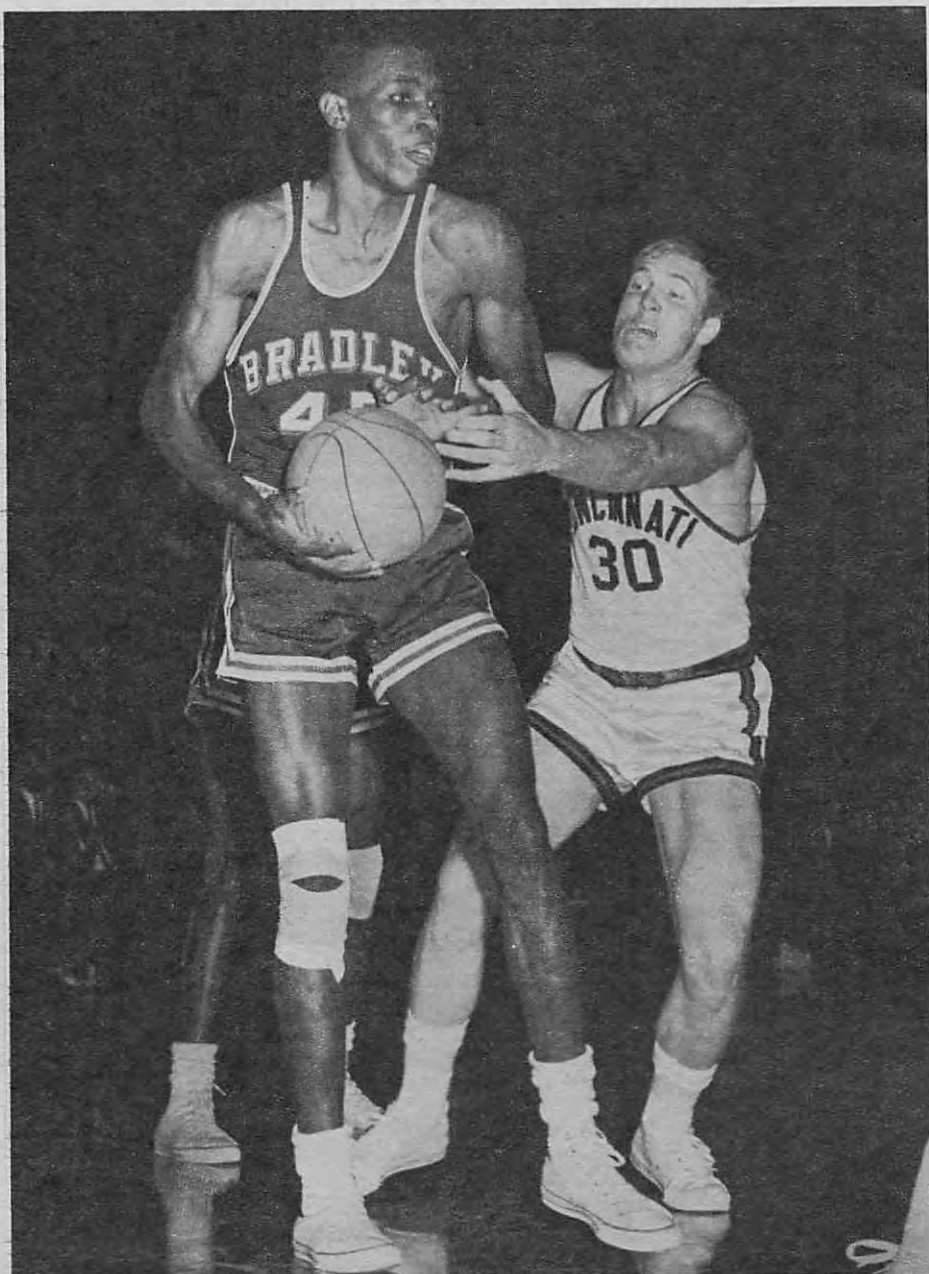


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LIEDTKE, JOE	Louisville	Jr.	6' 7"	Erie, Pa.	25	89	42.4	53	69.7	231	9.2	156
LOPES, AL	Kansas	Sr.	6' 5"	Providence, R. I.	25	125	38.8	42	72.4	292	11.7	173
MOULDER, FREDDIE	Oklahoma State	Jr.	6' 3"	Guthrie, Okla.	27	81	44.2	44	57.7	206	7.6	108
NETOLICKY, BOB	Drake	Jr.	6' 8"	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	25	116	47.5	45	59.2	277	11.1	236
PARKS, RICH	St. Louis	Sr.	6' 7"	St. Louis, Mo.	18	63	41.4	26	58.1	152	8.4	158
PETE, KELLY	Wichita	Sr.	6' 1"	Wichita, Kans.	30	194	49.0	130	75.0	518	17.3	211
PESHUT, SAM	Air Force	Sr.	6' 5"	Monaca, Pa.	23	115	52.0	96	77.4	326	14.2	167
POINTER, FRITZ	Creighton	Sr.	6' 4"	Oakland, Calif.	23	135	41.3	60	65.9	330	14.3	189
ROLFES, DON	Cincinnati	Sr.	6' 6"	Harrison, Ohio	25	116	51.8	110	74.8	342	13.7	166
SIMMONS, GRANT	Nebraska	Sr.	6' 3"	Omaha, Neb.	25	111	39.5	82	67.8	304	12.2	79
SMITH, ROY	Kansas State	Jr.	6' 9"	Granview, Mo.	25	99	44.0	69	63.0	267	10.7	222
THOMPSON, ERNIE	Bradley	Sr.	6' 3"	Saginaw, Mich.	27	176	45.9	96	71.1	448	16.5	224
THOMPSON, JAMIE	Wichita	Jr.	6' 3"	Wichita, Kans.	24	112	49.1	76	81.7	302	12.6	125
WARE, JAMES	Oklahoma City	Sr.	6' 8"	Natchez, Miss.	31	166	44.1	103	66.0	435	14.0	263
WELLS, JERRY LEE	Oklahoma City	Sr.	6' 1"	Glasgow, Ky.	31	222	41.3	176	72.7	620	20.0	212
WESLEY, WALT	Kansas	Sr.	7' 0"	Fort Meyers, Fla.	25	233	49.6	121	57.6	587	23.5	220
ZIEGLER, BOB	Iowa State	Sr.	6' 3"	Laurens, La.	25	141	47.3	118	69.8	400	16.0	133

SOPHS TO WATCH

The most talked-about soph in the Missouri Valley Conference is Westley Unseld and he belongs to Louisville. The 6-8, 240-pounder steps into a starting berth along with second-year players Bobby Marin (6-5) and Fred Holden (6-3) and brings impressive credentials. Unseld averaged 35.8 ppg and had a 23.6 norm in rebounding for the frosh. Wichita is being refurbished by Warren Armstrong (6-2), who averaged 29 ppg, and Ron Washington (6-5), who had a 26-point norm. Wally Anderzunas (6-7), with his 19.5 ppg, is welcomed by Creighton, and Don Sidle (6-7), a 20-point scorer, joins Oklahoma's varsity with three other stickouts. Likewise, Jim Fox (6-5) of Drake is one of four big sophs. Size is the secret as Bradley has 6-7 Joe Allen starting and Kansas state has 7-1 Nick Pino and 6-7 Earl Seyfert as starters. Jim Howard (6-4) brings an 18.8 ppg average to Cincinnati's varsity; Eugene Moore (6-7), a fine rebounder, is one of four good sophs at St. Louis, and Butch Pruett (6-7) averaged 20 points plus for North Texas State as a frosh. Eli Behout (6-4) could break into the Air Force's starting five, and Oklahoma City has two more Kopers coming along—Henry (6-4), brother of All-American Bud Koper, and Ron (6-5), a cousin, have moved up to the Chief's varsity. Kansas will have to find room for Rodger Bohnenstiehl (6-5), a prep All-American, and Tom Miltenberger (6-5) is starting for Missouri. Colorado has three stickout sophs, led by Ted Erfert (6-8), and Iowa State has an international flavor to its soph crop in 6-9 Raul Duarte of Lima, Peru. The Cyclones have another skyscraper in 6-7 Don Smith. Many other teams in the section have talented sophs.

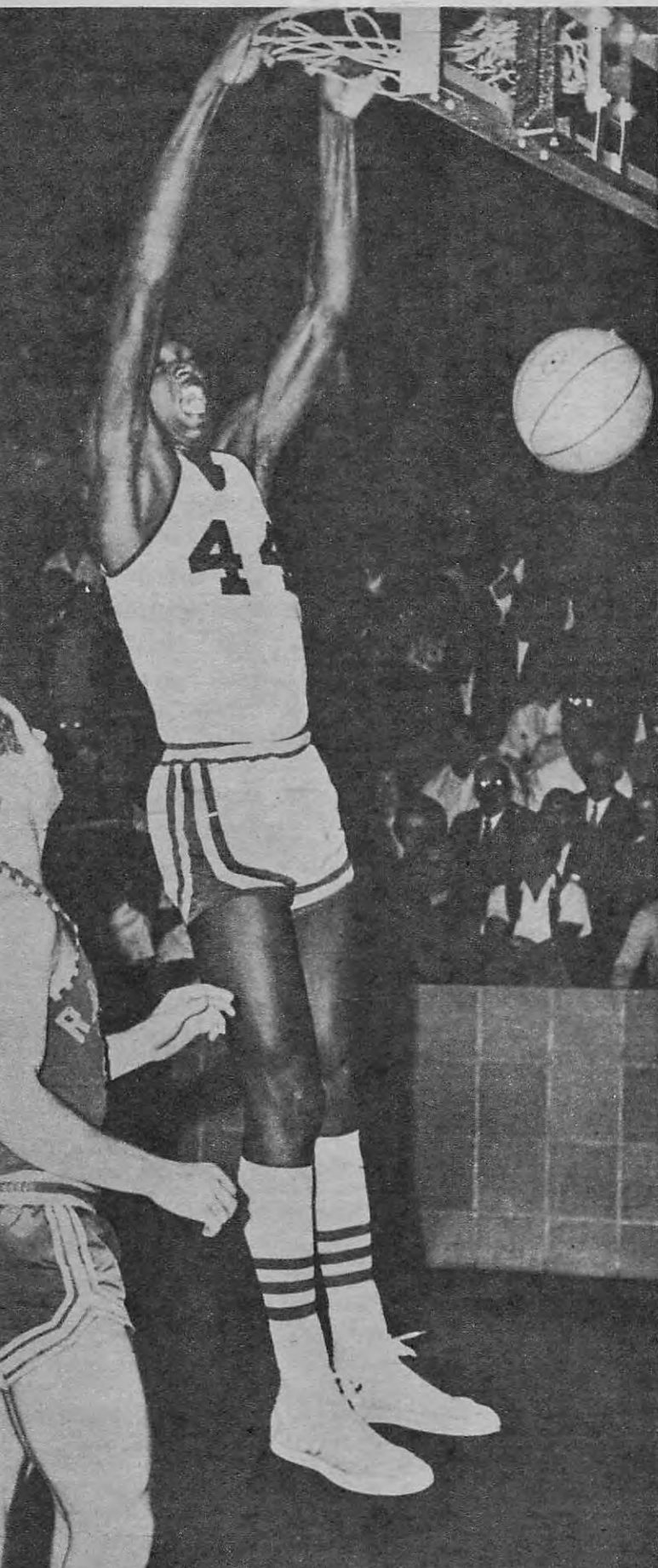
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CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Wichita	11	3	19	7
Bradley	9	5	18	8
St. Louis	9	5	18	8
Louisville	7	7	14	11
Drake	7	7	15	10
Tulsa	7	7	14	11
Cincinnati	5	9	14	12
North Texas State	1	13	7	19

BIG EIGHT
CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Oklahoma State	12	2	19	6
Kansas	9	5	17	8
Colorado	8	6	14	11
Missouri	8	6	13	11
Iowa State	6	8	9	16
Kansas State	5	9	12	13
Nebraska	5	9	10	15
Oklahoma	3	11	8	17



ELVIN HAYES of Houston registers with a "dunker."



JOHN BEASLEY
Texas A. & M.

Defenses have double and triple-teamed Beasley and still the 6-9 sharp-shooter comes through and scores plenty. The ability of the giant senior from Kildare, Tex., to jump-shoot from the outside is what makes him Coach Shelby Metcalf's most valuable cage asset. Pro teams already are eyeing the 21-year-old business administration major, mainly because he was the ninth leading scorer in the country last season with a 25.8 ppg average on 619 total points. In the Southwest Conference, he had a 28.2 norm with his high game coming against Baylor.



GARY TURNER
Texas Christian

After two consecutive years of being on the second team all-Southwest Conference, Turner makes his bid for the top echelon in his senior season. The 6-6 forward from Fort Worth topped the league in scoring and rebounding as a sophomore and then turned in another stickout performance last season, placing third in scoring and first in rebounding. His 20.1 ppg scoring norm was accomplished with 483 points in 24 games and his rebounding average of 12.3 was the result of 296 caroms. Coach Buster Brannon is depending on Turner to lift the Horned Frogs in the SWC.

Sizing up the **SOUTH WEST** and Mountains All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: Brigham Young.

RUNNER-UP: Texas Tech.

SOUTHWEST: Texas Tech, SMU, Texas A&M.

WESTERN: Brigham Young, New Mexico, Utah.

BIG SKY: Weber State, Gonzaga, Idaho.

INDEPENDENTS: Houston, Colorado State, Texas Western.

AREA ALL-AMERICANS:

Dub Malaise, Texas Tech.

Lonnie Wright, Colorado State.



JOE HAMOOD
Houston

Named to the United States Basketball Writers Association's all-district team, Hamood was one of the best back-court players in the area last season as a junior as he led the Cougars in scoring, free throwing, shooting and assists. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Hamood was a standout football and baseball player at Fordson High in Dearborn, Mich., before coming to Houston on a grid scholarship. Concentrating on basketball has paid off, as the 5-11 speedster scored 502 points and averaged 17.3 ppg. last season. Hamood registered 120 assists, far more than any teammate.



CARROLL HOOSER
Southern Methodist

Since SMU made the NCAA Tourney last season, Hooser had the exposure and was selected to the all-Mid-West Regional team. The 21-year-old senior also was picked for the All-Southwest Conference first team after leading the champion Mustangs in scoring. Hooser connected on slightly less than 50 per cent of his shots as he averaged 15.8 ppg overall and 18.3 in the SWC. The 6-7 cager from Richardson, Tex., had high games of 27 points in both his sophomore and junior seasons. Consistency this season will make him one of the all-time greats in SMU cage annals.



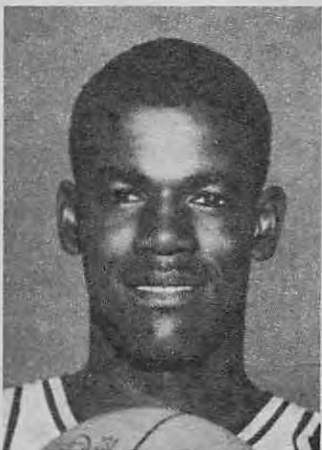
DOUG MCKENDRICK
Rice

Despite the Owls' worst season in the school's cage history, McKendrick had a good junior season and finished fourth in Southwest Conference scoring. The 6-5 operator from Ottawa, Ill., averaged 19.1 ppg and threw in a total of 458 points while Rice was winning but two of 24 games. McKendrick was one of the few things Coach George Carlisle could cheer about during the dismal season that was spent rebuilding and experimenting. McKendrick plays the low position in Carlisle's tandem-post offense and is remarkably accurate with his shooting in close.



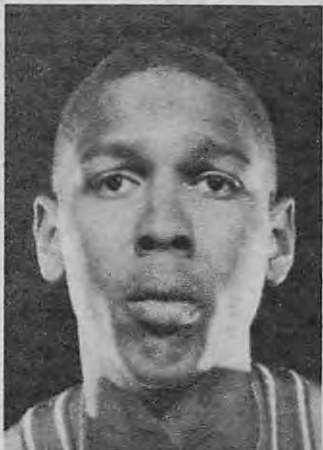
GENE VISSCHER
Weber State

Winning 22 of 25 games and the Big Sky Conference championship, Visscher was a key figure in both accomplishments as he set several school and gym records. The 6-6 senior from Muskegon, Mich., where he was a junior college cage star, was among the most accurate shooters in the nation when he shot a gaudy 54 per cent from the field. Teaming with senior guard Jerry Trice, Visscher averaged 18.4 ppg, just one-tenth of a point more than Trice. The Wildcats' center registered 461 points with 187 field goals and 87 penalty points and had 283 rebounds.



LEON CLARK
Wyoming

Getting the ball off the backboards is as important as dribbling or passing, and rebounding is Clark's specialty. The 22-year-old senior out of Harvey, Ill., led the Cowboys in rebounding when he was a sophomore, taking down 272. Then the 200-pounder, who knows how to throw his weight around under the boards, improved on this figure with 315 caroms and a 12.1 average last season. Sometimes spectacular, the physical education major has an 18.3 ppg scoring norm, second only to the great Flynn Robinson. The 6-6 operator also knows how to play defense.



MEL DANIELS
New Mexico

A transfer from Burlington, Iowa, Junior College, Daniels was mainly responsible for the Lobos' rebound-record last season. The 6-9 stick-out from Detroit pulled down 302 rebounds for an 11.2 average. Daniels' rebounding contribution helped the Lobos register 1,347 caroms for 27 games, a 49.9 average. The 210-pound junior averaged 17 points a game with a 467 total and was a mainstay in Coach Bob King's stellar defense, which ranked third in the nation. New Mexico yielded but 55.7 points a game to its opponents. Daniels was an all-round athlete at Pershing High.



DICK NEMELKA
Brigham Young

Although John Fairchild was the big cog in the Cougars' record-setting season last winter with a 21-7 mark and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, Nemelka also contributed mightily. The 6-0, 170-pounder from Salt Lake City, Utah, is the top scorer returning to BYU. The psychology major tallied 431 points for a 15.4 ppg average and shot 49 per cent from the floor. He also converted 81 per cent of his free throws for Coach Stan Watts' crew that won the Western Athletic Conference championship. Nemelka also plays shortstop for the Cougar baseball team.



DARRELL HARDY
Baylor

Coach Bill Menefee is happy to have the 6-7 Hardy back on the Bears' roster because Baylor's graduation losses cut a deep swath in the height department. Hardy, who was the top rebounder with 247 retrieves last season in a 15-9 year, is being counted on for increased board work this winter. The all-state player from Jefferson Davis High in Houston connected for 358 points and a 14.9 average to lead the Bears in scoring. The graceful junior, who lives in Houston, has shown indications of greatness and Menefee expects big things from him this year.

BRIGHAM YOUNG HAS PLENTY ON THE BALL



JOHN MYERS (21) of Arizona State bats the ball away from Brigham Young's Steve Kramer.

■ The Western Athletic Conference, compared with some of the other big collegiate cage circuits around the country, is hardly more than a toddler. Yet, the four-year-old WAC already is producing high-powered basketball on a par with the best teams in the nation.

Brigham Young, the premier team in the circuit last season by virtue of its championship and ensuing "trip" to the NCAA tournament, was ranked among the top 10 teams in the country all season. The Cougars, who were knocked out of the NCAA play by the eventual champ, UCLA, tallied 2,639 points for a 94.4 average which ranked second only to Miami of Florida.

Defensively, the WAC can point to New Mexico, which was the best team in the nation two years and captured the hearts of Madison Square Garden in the NIT with its scrappy play. Last winter, the Lobos placed third in defense, following Tennessee, which was nationally ranked, and Oklahoma State, which won the Big Eight title.

While Brigham Young ran off a 21-7 record on its polished offense, New Mexico had a respectable log of 19-8 on its defense, which yielded a 55.7 ppg. Now these two teams are primed to match offense against defense in this winter's conference race. Brigham Young is the choice over New Mexico, which succumbed to St. John's in last March's NIT. St. John's went on to win the title.

Paul Brechler, commissioner of the WAC, described his league as "the fastest growing basketball conference in the United States." And you have to believe the man.

Bob King, a native of Gravity, Iowa propelled New Mexico into national prominence with its defense and knows whereof he speaks. When he was interviewed late last season, he said, "The basketball in our conference is every bit as good as that in the Big Ten. This season the league has tremendous balance and there really isn't one weak team among the six."

Then, King went on to cite the advantages WAC teams held over other conferences: 8-4 against the Big Ten; 10-6 over the Missouri Valley; 19-12 over the Pacific Coast teams; a 7-7 standoff with the Big Eight, and a bulging 13-2 advantage over the Southwest.

But Southwest Conference teams are not interested in what they do against the WAC. Down Texas way, the teams want that SWC champion

brand and the team that's most likely to achieve this is Texas Tech. Of course, the Red Raiders will get plenty of arguments from Southern Methodist and some of the other teams.

In the Big Sky Conference that stretches out across the Rocky Mountain states, Weber State holds sway, with Gonzaga and Idaho in the chase in that order.

The scramble among independent teams in the area starts with Houston, which has the best chance of repeating its entry into the NCAA championship, and runs through Colorado State, Texas Western, Denver and New Mexico State. Hardin-Simmons, Utah State and West Texas State also have some veteran talent on hand.

Brigham Young lost its ace, 6-8 John Fairchild, and two other double figure scorers in Mike Gardner and Bob Quinney. Still, Coach Stan Watts has been in this game long enough not to leave himself without talent, and he has three seniors and two juniors in starting roles.

Junior Craig Raymond (6-11) takes over for Fairchild, with Dick Nemelka (6-0) and Jeff Congdon (6-1), an experienced duo, in the backcourt. Up front, Neil Roberts, a 6-5 junior, and Steve Kramer, a 6-4 senior are operating. If there is a demand for height, Watts has Jim Eakins (6-11) and Orville Fisher (6-10), both sophs.

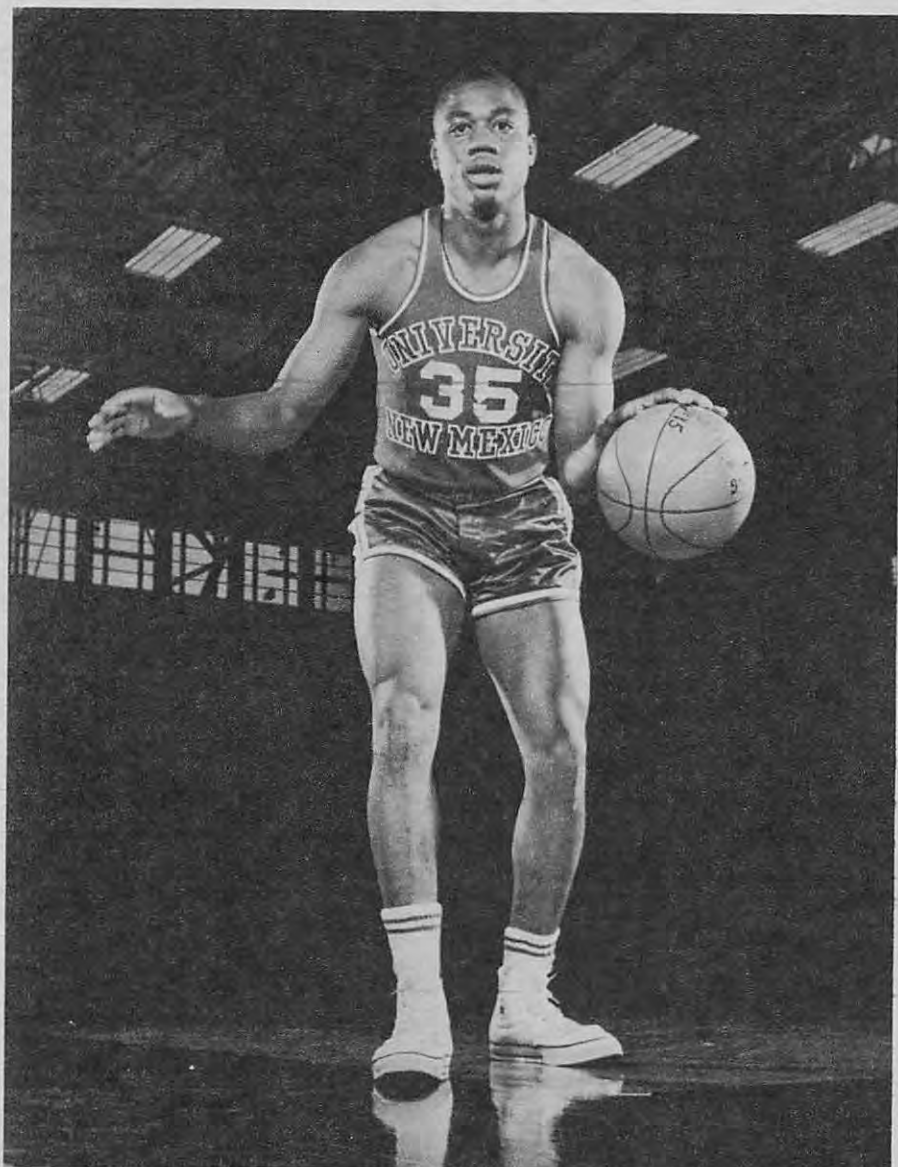
Coach King's New Mexico outfit may feel it is getting into a rut by going to the NIT two years in a row and may upset Brigham Young's apple cart with an all-junior starting five. Mel Daniels (6-9), Ben Monroe (6-3), Bill Morgan (6-7), Don Hoover (6-2) and transfer Don Rose (6-8) give the Lobos height and speed. Sophs Paul Buchanan (6-7) and Ray Dupree (6-0) fit in with the Lobos' pattern perfectly.

The rest of the WAC—Utah, Wyoming, Arizona State, and Arizona—isn't going to sit back either and watch a two-man fight between Brigham Young and New Mexico.

When Texas Tech was kayoed from the SWC race last winter for inadvertently using an ineligible player, Coach Gene Gibson said, "We naturally regret this situation has come up."

Continuing, he said, "We learn in competitive athletics to take the hard knocks and come back fighting."

The ineligible player was Norman Reuther, a 6-7 operator who was supposed to play this winter. He is not



BEN MONROE is one of the mainstays of New Mexico's highly-rated quintet.

on the team and the Raiders are going without him.

Gibson has a great 1-2 punch in Dell All-American John (Dub) Malaise, a 5-11 senior, and soph Bob Glover, who stands 6-7. Glover was due to make his debut last winter, but in view of losing the title because of Reuther's ineligibility, Gibson is happy to have the published soph start his varsity career now.

Glover averaged 24 ppg and 20 rebounds per outing two years ago as a frosh. Malaise was the outstanding player in the conference with his pinpoint passing, and his scoring was just a by-product. Bill Tapp, a 6-3 junior and defensive stalwart, returns as a starter from last year's team that went 17-6.

Juniors Dave Olsen (6-5) and Bob

Measels (6-3), senior Russ Wilkinson (6-4) and soph Paul Vernon (6-7) comprise the remainder of Tech's frontline troops.

SMU, which won the SWC title last winter and enjoyed the taste of playing in the national tournament, has Carroll Hooser, a 6-7 senior and all-conference performer, as a starting point for its defense of the league title. Coach Doc Hayes has plenty of talent to go with Hooser with Charles Beasley (6-4), Bob Begert (6-6), Denny Holman (6-2) and Bob Jones (6-3). John Higginbotham, a 6-6 soph who had an 18.8 norm as a frosh, also is expected to be a boon to the Mustangs.

John Beasley, a 6-9 senior, makes Texas A. & M. a tough stop in the SWC; Texas has some fine sophs, and

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TEXAS TECH LOOKS TOUGH

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Arkansas returns a veteran team. Darrell Hardy, a 6-7 junior, is a stand-out for Baylor; Doug McKendrick, a 6-5 senior, the same for Rice, and TCU has Gary Turner, a 6-6 senior.

Experience is the word that spells out why Weber State is the pick to repeat in the Big Sky, with seniors Gen Visscher, and Bob Belka, both 6-6, Frank Hitchens (6-0), and Jerry Trice and Eddie Tillman, both 6-3. Junior guard Greg Harrop (6-3) and soph Ted Bryant (6-6) add to Weber's explosiveness. Last season, the Wildcats had a 22-3 record.

Junior Gary Lechman (6-3), top conference scorer with a 23.5 norm, and seniors Bill Suter (5-8) and John Brodsky (6-2) make Gonzaga a king-sized threat to Weber. The Zags were 18-8 last winter.

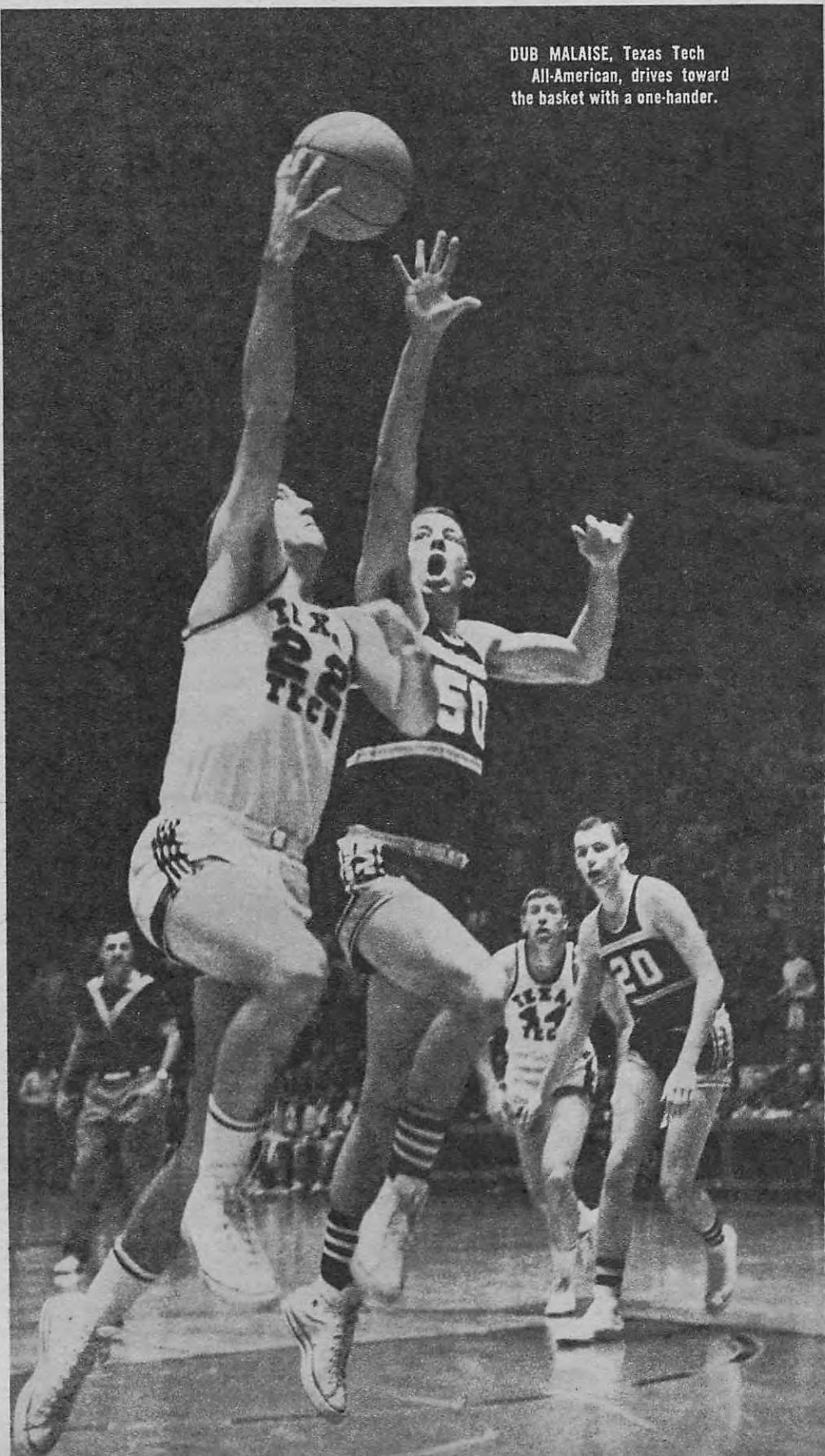
Joe Hamood (5-11) leads a brigade of seven lettermen back at Houston and Coach Guy Lewis also has an excellent crop of sophs. Elvin Hayes (6-9) tallied 24.4 ppg and 23.8 rebounds a game for the frosh, while Don Chaney and Paul Ozug, both 6-5, also have excellent credentials. This trio of sophs has cracked the starting lineup, giving the Cougars a bench of monogram winners with experience.

Colorado State, which had a 16-8 mark last season, has that experienced look, starting with Dell All-American Lonnie Wright (6-2). The Rams' first nine players are either juniors or seniors.

Sophs Dave Lattin (6-7) and Willie Worsley (5-9) are the long and short of why Texas Western's opponents will have to have rebounding power and speed. The soph twosome hooks onto one junior and two seniors in the starting cast.

Soph Harry Hollines, who scored over 40 points in five games for the frosh, has the hometown fans agog in Denver. The 6-3 phenom has all the moves for greatness, and his 35.7 ppg norm gives him and the Pioneers a good start. A good year from seven-foot Mike Dabich makes New Mexico State a team that could give its opponents heartaches.

DUB MALAISE, Texas Tech
All-American, drives toward
the basket with a one-hander.



Charting the SOUTHWEST

THE LEADING PLAYERS and Mountains

NAME	COLLEGE	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	TP	AVG	REB
ARTIS, ORSTEN	Texas Western	Sr.	6' 1"	Gary, Ind.	26	120	44.6	48	77.4	290	11.2	91
BEASLEY, JOHN	Texas A & M	Sr.	6' 9"	Kildare, Tex.	24	250	47.4	119	77.3	619	25.8	261
BRIGGS, KEN	Idaho State	Sr.	6' 5"	Boise, Idaho	26	157	45.9	46	66.7	360	13.8	137
CHAMBERS, JERRY	Utah	Sr.	6' 4"	Washington, D. C.	26	199	56.0	110	75.3	508	19.5	277
CLARK, LEON	Wyoming	Sr.	6' 8"	Harvey, Ill.	26	184	49.1	109	65.3	477	18.3	315
DABICH, MIKE	New Mexico State	Sr.	7' 0"	Lander, Wyo.	26	142	42.0	86	50.8	370	14.2	225
DANIELS, MEL	New Mexico	Jr.	6' 9"	Detroit	27	178	48.0	111	60.9	467	17.0	302
DISHMAN, CHARLES	Hardin-Simmons	Sr.	6' 2"	Midland, Tex.	24	126	43.7	57	80.3	309	12.9	101
GROVER, GERRY	Denver	Jr.	6' 0"	Denver, Colo.	23	123	42.7	90	72.6	336	14.6	76
HAMILTON, DENNIS	Arizona State	Sr.	6' 7"	Huntington Beach, Calif.	27	191	51.9	86	78.2	368	17.3	216
HAMOOD, JOE	Houston	Sr.	5' 11"	Dearborn, Mich.	29	205	44.9	92	78.0	502	17.3	107
HARDY, DARRELL	Baylor	Jr.	6' 7"	Houston, Tex.	24	140	51.5	78	72.2	358	14.9	247
HOOSER, CARROLL	Southern Methodist	Sr.	6' 7"	Richardson, Tex.	27	173	49.3	81	62.3	427	15.8	265
LECHMAN, GARY	Gonzaga	Jr.	6' 3"	Roseville, Calif.	26	174	53.2	121	70.3	469	18.0	298
MALASE, DUB	Texas Tech	Sr.	5' 11"	Odessa, Tex.	23	178	46.5	191	84.6	547	23.7	64
McHENRY, CLARENCE	Hardin-Simmons	Jr.	6' 4"	Ft. Worth, Tex.	24	140	48.7	46	68.7	326	13.6	121
McKENDRICK, DOUG	Rice	Sr.	6' 5"	Ottawa, Ill.	24	152	60.8	154	78.6	458	19.1	144
NEMELKA, DICK	Brigham Young	Sr.	6' 0"	Salt Lake City, Utah	28	170	44.0	91	72.0	431	15.4	251
PICKETT, TED	Arizona	Sr.	6' 4"	Richmond, Calif.	26	92	46.0	61	73.5	245	9.4	144
ROTH, STEVE	Utah State	Jr.	6' 10"	Inglewood, Calif.	23	92	36.2	31	68.9	215	9.3	171
SIMPSON, GAIL	West Texas State	Sr.	6' 0"	Borger, Tex.	23	87	53.6	82	72.6	256	11.1	88
SKAIFE, JERRY	Idaho	Sr.	5' 11"	Spokane, Wash.	25	149	41.2	91	73.1	389	15.8	105
TRICE, JERRY	Weber State	Sr.	6' 3"	Indianapolis, Ind.	25	169	43.3	120	75.0	458	18.3	214
TURNER, GARY	Texas Christian	Sr.	6' 6"	Ft. Worth, Tex.	24	164	45.5	155	77.8	483	20.1	296
VIDAKOVICH, TOM	Colorado State	Sr.	5' 11"	Glenwood Springs, Colo.	21	112	47.3	60	88.2	284	13.5	33
VISSCHER, GENE	Weber State	Sr.	6' 6"	Muskegon, Mich.	25	187	54.0	87	62.5	461	18.4	283
WRIGHT, LONNIE	Colorado State	Sr.	6' 2"	Newark, N. J.	22	168	46.2	98	80.3	434	19.7	134

SOPHS TO WATCH

Brigham Young has two giants in 6-11 Jim Eakins and 6-10 Orville Fisher. Texas has a pair of sharpshooters in Gary Overbeck (6-7) and Billy Arnold (6-2), both of whom averaged close to 20 ppg. Mickey McCarty (6-5), who averaged 13.2 rebounds a game, and Cary Sloan (6-0) give TCU a pair of 17-point scorers. Rice is high on Larry Miller (6-3) and Farrar Stockton (6-7). Wesley Morehead (6-5) is the best shot, Cliff Noble (6-4) the top rebounder and Seby Melluzze (6-0) the highest scorer from last winter's frosh team at New Mexico State. Dave Lattin (6-7), the most rugged rebounder in the Southwest when he is going full steam, joins Texas Western's varsity along with Willie Worsley (5-9). Texas A. and M.'s top sophs are Max Mainord (6-5) and Kent Andrews (6-0). The long-awaited debut of Bob Glover (6-7) at Texas Tech comes this season after he averaged 24 ppg and 20 rebounds for the frosh two years ago. Bill Nath (6-2) brings an 18-point norm to Montana State, and Mike Kordik (6-8) is one of three top sophs who may start for Arizona. Ken Collins (6-6), the top frosh scorer may start for Wyoming. Utah State welcomes Dick Wade (5-11) to its varsity, and John Higginbotham (6-6) is one of four good sophs at SMU. He averaged 18.8 ppg. Harry Hollines (6-3) of Denver is one of the best, after a frosh season that saw him average 35.7 ppg and go over 40 points in five games. Three other soph sharpshooters are John Dougherty (6-3) of Gonzaga (23 ppg), Jim Turner (6-1) of Baylor (39 ppg) and Elvin Hayes (6-9) of Houston (24.4 ppg). Hayes also had a 23.8 norm in rebounding. West Texas State boasts five top sophs.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Southern Methodist	10	4	17	10
Texas	10	4	16	9
Baylor	8	6	15	9
Texas A & M	7	7	14	10
Arkansas	5	9	9	14
Texas Christian	3	11	6	18
Rice	1	13	2	22
*Texas Tech	12	2	17	6

*Texas Tech won six of eight conference games while inadvertently using an ineligible player.

WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Brigham Young	8	2	21	5
New Mexico	5	5	19	7
Arizona	5	5	17	9
Wyoming	5	5	16	10
Arizona State	4	6	13	14
Utah	3	7	17	9

BIG SKY CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
Weber	8	2	22	3
Gonzaga	6	4	18	8
Montana State	6	4	15	10
Idaho	4	6	6	19
Idaho State	4	6	7	19
Montana	2	8	11	14

Sizing up the

FAR WEST

All-Sectional Team

SECTIONAL LEADER: UCLA.

RUNNER-UP: San Francisco.

AAWU: UCLA, So. California, Stanford.

WEST COAST: San Francisco, Pacific, Santa Clara.

INDEPENDENTS: Seattle, Portland.

AREA ALL-AMERICAN: Edgar Lacey, UCLA.

DOUG McINTOSH of UCLA drops in a two-pointer as Marquette's Mathews falls woefully short of matching his tremendous stretch.



KEITH SWAGERTY
Pacific

Sophomores such as Swagerty just don't come along every day, and coach Dick Edwards is expecting even greater heights for this prized package now that he is a junior. The 6-7 performer led Pacific in scoring with 510 points and a 19.6 average and also in rebounding with 473 retrieves for an 18.7 norm. His board work placed him fifth in the nation. Keith's fine sophomore season not only impressed the Tigers' fans but also made him one of the standouts in the West Coast Athletic Conference. He led the circuit in rebounding.



S.T. SAFFOLD
San Jose State

S.T. is an exciting player to watch, not an exhibitionist but a complete basketball performer who can do everything well. He's compactly built, very quick, and strong on the boards; also a good shooter and fine jumper, with great hands. He's a topflight feeder and especially tough on the offensive boards. Although Saffold is hardly a superstar in any facet of the game, he'd surely be a regular on any club. In case you're wondering, S.T.'s first name is Samuel, but he prefers to be called S.T. or just plain T, which he claims for a nickname. The 6-4, senior hails from Stockton, Calif.



BOB KRULISH

Pacific

Teaming with Keith Swagerty, Krulish is the other component of Pacific's great junior 1-2 punch. He tallied 492 points for an 18.9 ppg average and these impressive statistics earned him berths on the All-Northern California and West Coast Athletic Conference teams. A versatile performer, this 6-6 bundle of basketball shoots, dribbles, rebounds and can play defense. His presence, along with Swagerty, gives coach Dick Edwards that comfortable look as the Tigers start battling San Francisco for the WCAC championship.



TOM WORKMAN

Seattle

Chieftain followers claim Workman was the best sophomore in the nation last season, and he did have an outstanding campaign with a 15.2 ppg average and 209 rebounds. The 6-7 junior moves very well for a big man and can shoot either inside or out—with accuracy. Tom clicked on 155 of his shots from the field in 280 attempts for a remarkable 55.4 per cent accuracy. Workman, particularly popular because he hails from Seattle, is majoring in English and has his sights set on becoming a teacher and coach upon his graduation.



FREDDIE GOSS

UCLA

Somewhat overshadowed by All-American Gail Goodrich, Goss helped make UCLA the national champion for the second year in a row as much as any of the Bruins. Combining with Goodrich in the backcourt, Goss made the Uclans' fleet attack click with his quick and overall speed. His scoring—12.2 ppg—was second only to the now graduated Goodrich and Keith Erickson. Just as Gail took over the club's direction from All-American Walt Hazzard, Goss gets the call now to call the shots for UCLA. The 6-1 senior is a fine competitor.



RUSS BANKO

Santa Barbara

The Gauchos have tabbed Banko as "king of the three-point play" for his ability to drive in for lay-ups and collect a foul shot enroute. When Banko got the opportunity for a free throw, he knew what to do with it since his accuracy at the free throw stripe was 88.1 per cent. This figure placed him second in the country only to Princeton's Bill Bradley. He connected on 156 of 177 attempts. From the field, he shot 45.9 per cent. With 421 points, Banko ranked fifth among WCAC scorers and was selected to the conference's second all-team.



BOB BEDELL

Stanford

This 6-6 senior is one of the reasons for the optimism around the Indians' tepee after finishing second for the past two years to UCLA in the AAWU race. Bedell, a Los Angeles product, was Stanford's leading scorer with 340 points and a 16.2 ppg average. He also was third in rebounding, taking down 148 caroms. The 21-year-old forward led the Indians to a 15-8 season's record, and, through graduation losses, Bedell again will shoulder much of the offensive punch. He was a much sought-after high school player.



JOHN BLOCK

Southern California

The tallest player, at 6-9, who ever played for coach Forrest Twogood in his 16 years at Southern Cal, Block teamed with Allen Young to form a potent double-barreled attack for the Trojans. With Young graduated, Block takes on the role as leading scorer, and the Glendale, Calif., giant is capable of the task. He has shown steady improvement and is striving to make his senior season a consistent one. Showing flashes of brilliance, Block tallied 416 points for a 16 ppg average. Besides scoring, Block also was runner-up to Young in rebounding.



RAY KOSANKE

Stanford

This 6-9½ operator gained honorable mention for the AAWU's "all" team last season because he was free from injuries. Ray, a resident of Tucson, Ariz., missed half a season as a frosh because of a knee operation and later, as a soph, he suffered knee, ankle and lung problems which slowed him down considerably. Now Ray is shooting for the AAWU's first team and can do it with another injury-free campaign. The 21-year-old, 235-pounder was the Indians' top rebounder last season with 182 caroms and was the third leading scorer with 279 points.

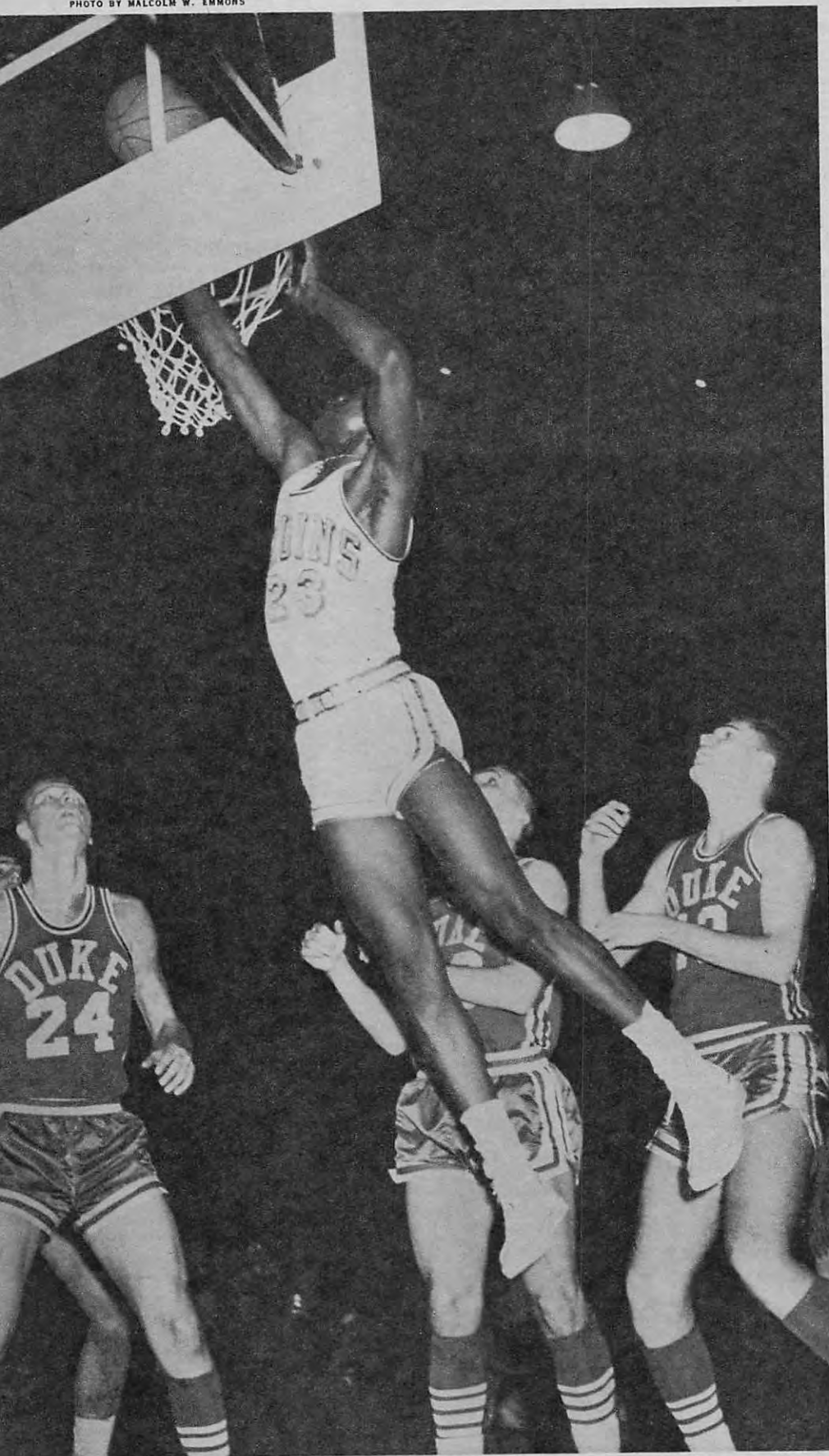


JIM BARNETT

Oregon

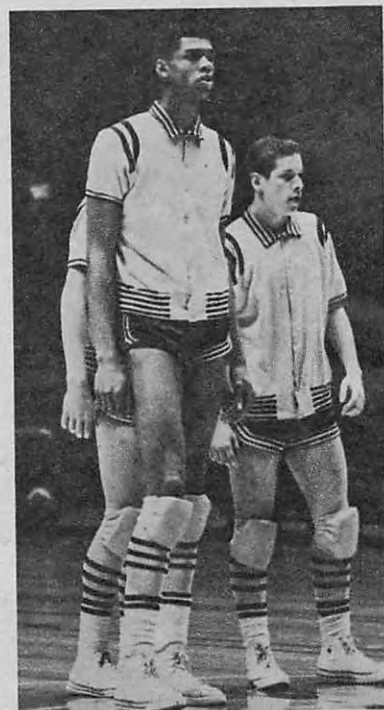
One of the big reasons coach Steve Belko can feel secure in the backcourt is the presence of Barnett, who led the Webfoots in scoring last season. The 6-4 guard from Riverside, Calif. tallied 494 for a 19 ppg average. From his backcourt spot in which he runs the Ducks' offense with Nick Jones, Barnett was a busy performer last winter as he also led the team in rebounding with 170. Despite Oregon's 2-12 and eighth-place finish in the AAWU's race, Barnett was one of the top players in the conference. He is a business major.

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KEN WASHINGTON of UCLA slips past three Duke defenders to score.

U.C.L.A. WILL HAVE ITS WAY



LEW ALCINDOR, the celebrated schoolboy star from New York's Power Memorial, now a frosh at UCLA, should insure winning ways at the Coast school for several seasons once he moves up to the varsity.

■ John Wooden, coach of UCLA's national champions, doesn't know what it is to have a losing season. Ever since he was an all-state guard at Martinsville, Ind., High School, Wooden has been a winner.

The veteran coach captained Purdue's great teams of 1931 and '32 to Big Ten titles and the national crown in 1932 before going into coaching. He had 11 successful seasons as a high school tutor and ran up a 47-14 record at Indiana State before switching to UCLA. So, it isn't surprising that Wooden has been able to generate this winning spirit in Los Angeles.

Wooden's ability to attract top tal-

ent and utilize it properly came to the forefront when the Uclans walked off with two consecutive NCAA championships. Now the Bruins are walking a tightrope that Wooden hopes will extend across the nation and end at College Park, Md., with an unprecedented third straight national crown.

Four other teams have tried, and failed, for that elusive three in a row, but they weren't coached by John Robert Wooden. They were Oklahoma State (1945 and '46), Kentucky (1948 and '49), San Francisco (1955 and '56) and Cincinnati (1961 and '62).

What makes the Bruins' bid all the more interesting is that if they are successful this March, there is no telling how long they might monopolize the national crown. Wooden has the best frosh crop in the nation, headed by 7-1 Lew Alcindor and 6-2 Lucius Allen, a pair of high school All-Americans, and 6-4 Lynn Shackelford.

With this trio, Wooden is well fortified for years to come. But taking the business at hand, UCLA has to beat down the threats of Southern California and Stanford in the Athletic Association of Western Universities.

While the Uclans are favored in the AAWU, San Francisco is the choice to repeat in the West Coast Athletic Conference. Seattle is the cream of the independent teams.

Afer the Bruins ran off 30 consecutive conquests and their first national title two years ago, speculation was rampant on what Wooden would do without All-American Walt Hazzard to run the club. Wooden answered this twofold, coming up with All-American Gail Goodrich as the offensive mainspring and Keith Erickson as the key to the vaunted UCLA pressing defense.

The 6-1 Goodrich snaked his way through defenses in magnificent fashion as he averaged 25 points-plus a game, ran the offense and bowed out with a 42-point performance against Michigan in the championship final.

Erickson, a 6-5 jumping jack and stickout volleyball player, was the heart of the defense, playing the No. 5 position, or what Wooden calls "the safety valve." Erickson's quick reactions are what made the Bruins' awesome press a success.

With this top twosome graduated, Wooden can replace Goodrich with 6-1 Freddie Goss and use 6-3 Kenny Washington in place of Erickson. In Wooden's "seven starters" system, Washington filled in handily when

Erickson was sidelined with an injured leg in the NCAA final.

Michigan was leading, 20-14, in the early going before Washington entered the game. The pendulum soon swung over to the Bruins. He finished with 17 points.

Dell All-American Edgar Lacey (6-6), one of the best sophs in the country last season; Doug McIntosh (6-6), Mike Lynn (6-7) and Brice Chambers (6-1) completes the cast of veterans. An excellent acquisition from the frosh team is 5-11 Mike Warren.

With the loss of Goodrich and Erickson, some changes have been made in both the offense and defense to keep the Uclans' 15-game winning streak intact. But Wooden's 30-year

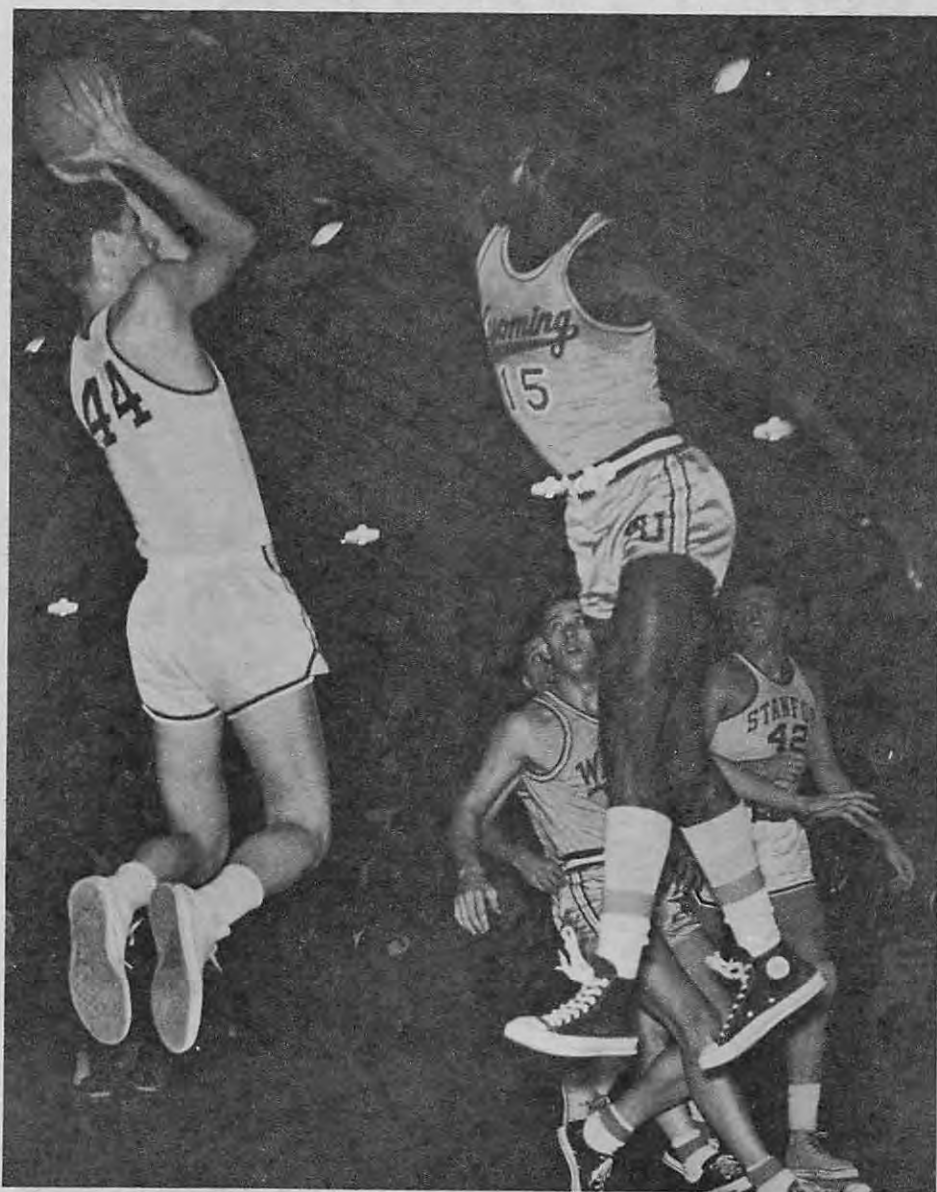
record of winning basketball has been marked with adjustments.

Wooden frankly admits his pressing defense is nothing new and that he had experimented with it years ago when he was a high school coach. But as soon as he won the national championship, he got over 700 requests from coaches who wanted to know how it works.

"I put the press in at UCLA because I thought I had the personnel for it," declares Wooden.

Now Wooden will tailor his offense and defense to his present personnel and it's up to the opposition to detect the alterations. Next season, there will be another change when Alcindor and Co. reach the varsity level. Wooden would rather switch than lose.

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BOB BEVELL of Stanford encounters Wyoming's Leon Clarke en route to basket.

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San Francisco coach Pete Peletta also will have to make some adjustments following the loss of All-American Ollie Johnson, who averaged 21.6 ppg. Senior Joe Ellis (6-6) heads Peletta's cast that will try to match last year's 24-5 overall record and 13-1 conference mark.

Ellis, an All-Coast selection, has seasoned performers running with him in 6-10 Erwin Mueller, 6-2 Russ Gurnina and 6-4 Dick Brainard, all seniors, and junior Larry Blum (5-11). Brainard was "red-shirted" last winter because of an ankle injury.

Up from the frosh comes Don Snyder, a poised player after being selected to the All-Star team when he was in service. Marc Jamison (6-5) and Dennis Black are two other sophs who will help.

Before plunging into the WCAC schedule, the Dons will play some of the top teams in the country—Michigan, Utah State, St. Louis, Southern California and Houston—and this "warm-up" should hone San Francisco's offense and defense to a fine edge.

Southern Cal should make the

AAWU race plenty hot for UCLA, which lost only to Iowa and Illinois in the past two seasons. Wooden's Wonders will have to cope with the Trojans' John Block (6-9), Bill Westphal (6-5½), Doug Bolcom (6-4) and John Bacon (6-1), all seniors, and junior Rod Aleman (6-6). Harvey Dillon (6-0), the top scorer for the frosh, is the best of a top-grade sophomore contingent.

Stanford also can make every step the Uclans take a perilous one with seniors Bob Bedell (6-6), Jack Gilbert (6-8), Ray Kosanke (6-9) and Mike Preisler (6-1) in the starting lineup. Art Harris, who snapped the frosh scoring record with an 18.3 average, is a fine acquisition. Senior Bill Farley (6-6) and junior Rich Baker (6-7), a red-shirt last season, add height to the Indian brigade.

Pacific and Santa Clara have the best chance ever of overhauling San Francisco in the WCAC race.

Bob Krulish (6-6) and Keith Swagerty (6-7), a pair of juniors, supply the height to go with Pacific's speed, which is represented by Art Gilbert (5-9). Senior Joe Kelley (6-6) and junior Bruce Parson (6-3) complete the starting five. Two 6-1 sophs, Steve Michelson and Joe Ferguson, could break into the lineup in the backcourt. Michelson had a 24-point average as a frosh.

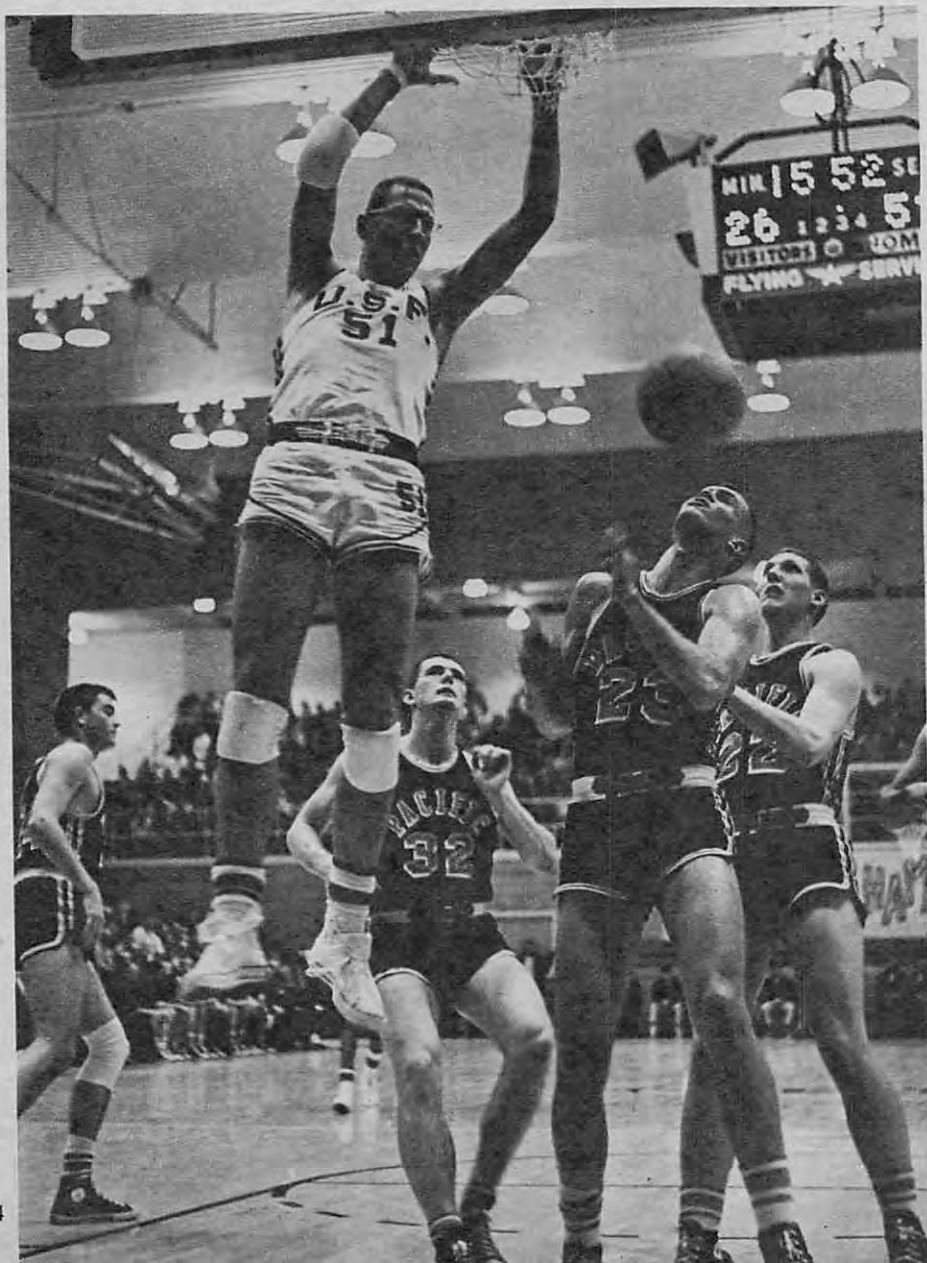
Santa Clara has a rich blend of experience and sophomore talent to make its run in the WCAC. Larry Dunlap (6-5), Bob Stuckey (6-4) and Leo Steidlmayer (6-3), all juniors, and 6-6 senior Rich Levitte are tops up front. Running the backcourt are senior guards Mike Gervasoni (5-9), Eric Paulson (6-0) and Mike Dooling (6-1). Bob Spence (6-4) shot 55.3 per cent from the field last season and heads a stickout crop of sophs.

Tom Workman and Malkin Strong, a pair of 6-7 juniors, make Seattle the best independent team on the Coast. Workman, who averaged 15.2 ppg in his first year of varsity ball, was one of the best sophs in the nation last season.

Junior Plummer Lott (6-4), senior Jack Tebbs (5-10) and junior Elzie Johnson (6-5) round out the starting quintet for the Chieftains. Soph talent comes from Jim Le Cour (6-6), John Wilkens (6-4) and Steve Looney (6-1).

Sophomores hold the key for Portland. Coach Al Negratti has senior Ed Maerz (6-4) working with eight second-year players.

SAN FRANCISCO IS SURE TO SUCCEED



ED MUELLER of San Francisco dunks in a goal against Pacific.

Charting the **FAR WEST**

THE LEADING PLAYERS

NAME	COLLEGE	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN	G	FG	FG%	FT	FT%	TP	AVG	REB
BANKO, RUSS	Santa Barbara	Sr.	6' 5"	Arcadia, Calif.	26	137	45.9	156	88.1	430	16.5	211
BARNETT, JIM	Oregon	Sr.	6' 4"	Riverside, Calif.	26	175	41.6	144	79.3	494	19.0	170
BEDELL, BOB	Stanford	Sr.	6' 6"	Los Angeles, Calif.	21	143	46.0	54	65.0	340	16.2	145
BETTS, ROLAND	Pepperdine	Sr.	6' 6"	Chicago, Ill.	25	169	39.9	72	49.3	403	16.3	372
BLOCK, JOHN	So. California	Sr.	6' 9"	Glendale, Calif.	26	149	46.9	118	69.0	416	16.0	237
BURNS, BOB	Loyola	Sr.	6' 5"	Los Angeles, Calif.	26	148	51.2	62	70.5	358	13.8	114
ELLIS, JOE	San Francisco	Sr.	6' 6"	Oakland, Calif.	29	168	46.0	62	72.9	392	13.7	290
GERVASONI, MIKE	Santa Clara	Jr.	5' 9"	Oakland, Calif.	26	160	42.4	126	82.0	440	16.5	132
GOSS, FREDDIE	UCLA	Sr.	6' 1"	Compton, Calif.	30	157	44.2	51	72.9	365	12.2	99
GUMINA, RUSS	San Francisco	Sr.	6' 2"	San Francisco, Calif.	29	132	47.1	96	72.7	360	12.4	145
HARRIS, GORDON	Washington	Jr.	6' 10"	Tenino, Wash.	25	72	44.4	57	69.5	201	8.0	108
JONES, NICK	Oregon	Jr.	6' 2"	Portland, Ore.	26	103	41.9	78	75.7	284	10.9	91
KELLEY, JOE	Pacific	Sr.	6' 6"	Nunhall, Pa.	21	101	41.0	47	71.2	249	11.7	177
KOSANKE, RAY	Stanford	Sr.	6' 9"	Tucson, Ariz.	23	112	47.0	55	78.0	279	12.1	182
KRULISH, BOB	Pacific	Jr.	6' 6"	Sacramento, Calif.	26	182	42.3	128	76.6	492	18.9	148
LACEY, EDGAR	UCLA	Jr.	6' 6"	Los Angeles, Calif.	30	135	46.9	77	57.9	347	11.6	305
LYNN, MIKE	UCLA	Jr.	6' 7"	Covina, Calif.	30	79	50.3	43	58.1	201	6.7	152
MUELLER, ERWIN	San Francisco	Sr.	6' 10"	Livermore, Calif.	29	138	48.8	70	62.5	346	11.9	211
NEWELL, PETE	San Jose State	Sr.	6' 3"	Oakland, Calif.	24	143	41.1	50	64.9	336	14.1	125
PAULSON, ERIC	Santa Clara	Sr.	6' 0"	Sunnyvale, Calif.	26	111	44.4	95	79.0	317	12.1	139
SAFFOLD, S. T.	San Jose State	Sr.	6' 4"	Stockton, Calif.	24	153	40.5	72	77.4	378	15.6	226
STOLL, RANDY	Washington State	Jr.	6' 7"	Bellevue, Wash.	26	98	39.4	49	68.1	243	13.5	133
STRONG, MALKIN	Seattle	Jr.	6' 7"	Los Angeles, Calif.	26	111	50.0	66	73.6	288	11.0	212
STUCKEY, BOB	Santa Clara	Jr.	6' 5"	Gilroy, Calif.	24	131	43.9	45	63.0	307	12.6	138
SWAGERTY, KEITH	Pacific	Jr.	6' 7"	San Jose, Calif.	26	201	45.8	108	52.4	510	19.6	473
WASHINGTON, KEN	UCLA	Sr.	6' 3"	Beaufort, S. C.	30	99	42.5	79	65.3	277	9.3	151
WESTPHAL, BILL	So. California	Sr.	6' 6"	Redondo, Calif.	26	106	47.7	66	73.3	278	10.7	186
WHITE, CHARLIE	Oregon State	Sr.	6' 4"	Detroit, Mich.	26	91	43.5	68	64.2	250	9.6	183
WORKMAN, TOM	Seattle	Jr.	6' 7"	Seattle, Wash.	26	155	55.4	86	76.1	396	15.2	209

SOPHS TO WATCH

A year from now UCLA may have the best sophomore contingent in the country, and even now the Uclans are happy to add Mike Warren (5-11) to the varsity. Warren scored at an 18.7 ppg clip last season as a frosh. Santa Clara has a real sharpshooter in 6-4 Bob Spence, who shot with a 55.3 per cent accuracy on a frosh team that compiled a 20-1 mark. Washington State has a brace of fine sophs in 5-11 Ray Stein, a possible starter, and 6-9 Jim McKeon, who shot better than 50 per cent from the floor. Loyola has a pair of soph starters in Dick Sebek (6-5) and Dick Zembal (6-3), and Oregon State has a fine second-year twosome in Gary Wilken (6-8) and Loy Petersen (6-6). Steve Michelson (6-1) tallied a record 24 ppg for Pacific. Art Harris (6-3) excited Stanford with an 18.3 norm. Sophs who may win starting roles are John Hiles (6-6) at Santa Barbara, Harvey Dillon (6-0) at Southern Cal and Joe Ferguson at Pacific. John Pinkstaff (6-7) of Oregon State and Bob Wolfe (6-5) of California already have solidified starting assignments. Ed Clark (6-3), who averaged 20.8 ppg, is one of eight top sophs at Portland, while Steve Ebby (6-4) is a top prospect at Pepperdine. Dick Snyder (6-4) had a 17.5 ppg norm for San Francisco's frosh that compiled a 19-4 record. Washington "graduates" four soph sensations from a team that won 18 of 21.

ATHLETIC ASSN. OF WESTERN UNIVERSITIES

CONFERENCE ALL GAMES

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
UCLA	14	0	28	2
Stanford	9	5	15	8
Southern California	8	6	14	12
Oregon State	7	7	16	10
Washington State	6	8	9	17
Washington	5	9	9	16
California	4	10	9	14
Oregon	3	11	9	17

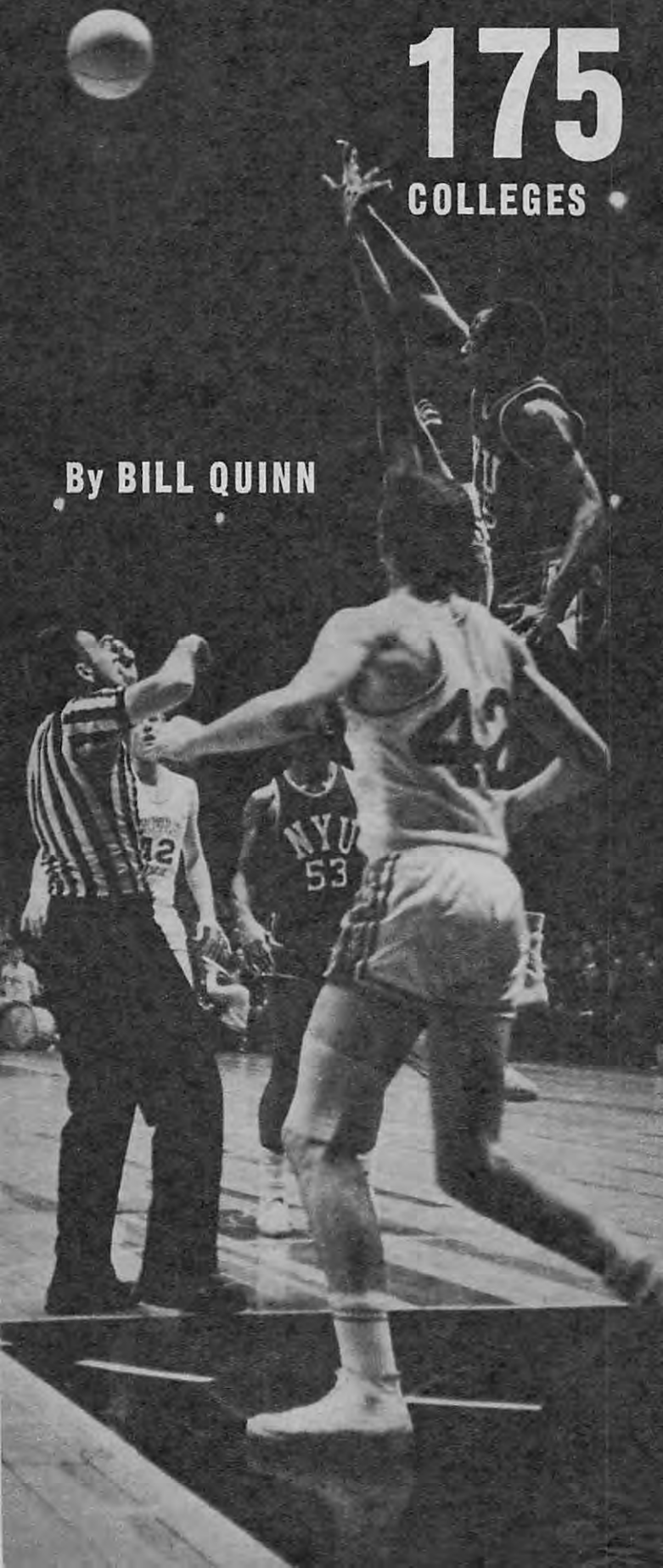
WEST COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

SCHOOL	W	L	W	L
San Francisco	13	1	23	4
San Jose State	9	5	14	10
Santa Clara	9	5	14	12
Pacific	8	6	13	12
Santa Barbara	7	7	12	14
St. Mary's	5	9	8	18
Pepperdine	3	11	6	19
Loyola	2	12	6	20

SCOUTING REPORTS ON

175 COLLEGES

By BILL QUINN



AIR FORCE (Independent) has its complete starting unit back. Sam Peshut, (6-5) senior, team leader and top scorer, teams with seniors Ed Sullivan (6-4) and Mart Andrade (6-5) and juniors Walt Edgerly (6-7) and Fred Budinger (6-4). Sophs Eli Bebouti (6-4) and Chuck Bensley (6-5) and juniors Pete Huggdahl (6-1), Pat Dowling (6-2) and John Olive (6-2) form the second unit. After three losing seasons, the Falcons seem ready to fly and are entered in three top-flight tournaments.

ALABAMA (Southeastern) is attempting to offset a rebounding deficiency with some sharpshooters, led by seniors Harry Hammonds (6-4) Gene Schumacher (6-5) and Bambi Howland (6-5). Two sophs, Mike Nordholz and Jerry Ludwig, both 6-1, complete the starting five. Bobby McNamb (6-8½), a redshirt last season, could be a big help with his height. Seniors Bob Hickey (6-3) and Ken Moses (6-1) and sophs Guy Turner (6-3) and Tom Jones (6-5) are the top reserves.

ARIZONA (Western Athletic) saw graduation take the edge off its rebounding and quickness, and will have to struggle to come close to its 17-9 season. Seniors Ted Pickett (6-4), who has been switched to the backcourt; Bob Spahn (6-1), Bob Hansen (6-6) and Harvey Fox (6-4) form the backbone for experience. Juniors Mike Aboud (6-5) and Gerry Jacobs (6-6) team with sophs Mike Kordik (6-8), Pat McAndrew (5-10) and Dick Root (6-4). Kordik's size makes him a prime candidate for a starting role.

ARIZONA STATE (Western Athletic) has five seniors and one junior for its frontline players and four good sophs as reserves. Dennis Hamilton (6-7), Freddie Lewis (6-0), John Myers (6-5), Jim Whitehead (6-4) and Rich Coppola (6-3), all seniors, and junior Randy Lindner (6-4) give the Sun Devils that experienced look. Up from the frosh are Bob Covert (6-2); Ken Ealy and Frank Bailey, both 6-1, and Ed Palmer (6-5).

ARKANSAS (Southwest) is stressing improvement from the same team and hope that 6-9 Ronnie Brewer, a soph who becomes eligible at mid-term, can supply the big man threat. The starting alignment now has seniors John Talkington and J.D. McConnell, both 6-5, as forwards, Orval Cook (6-5) at center and Ricky Sugg (6-1) and junior Tommy Rowland (6-4) in the backcourt. Seniors Steve Rousseau (5-9), Ronald Cooper (6-8) and Charlie Guess (6-7), juniors Fred Rice (6-6) and Wally Freeman (6-3) and sophs Dave Self (6-5), Guy Martin (6-3) and Don Osborn (6-4) are other frontline players.

ARMY (Independent) made the NIT the past two years but will have to struggle for a post-season berth this winter following graduation of its backcourt and 6-7 John Ritch. Mike Silliman, 6-6 senior and Dell All-American, is shouldering a big burden. Helping are seniors Dick Murray (6-2), the Cadets' captain, and Bill Helkie (6-3). The new backcourt is composed of juniors John Mikula (6-0) and Dan Schrage (6-1). Bob Seigle (5-9), a senior, continues as one of the best "spot" players in the East. Soph help is a question-mark.

AUBURN (Southeastern) has a sharp-shooting team of two seniors, three juniors and two sophs, but Coach Bill Lynn is concerned about rebounding. Lee De Fore, 6-6 senior who is sure-shot to eclipse the all-time Auburn scoring record, is the tallest man on the squad. Tommy Fibbe (6-2) is the other senior, while the junior class contributes Bobby Buisson (6-2), Monk Montgomery (6-3) and Tee Faircloth (6-0). Alex Howell (6-3) and Randall Walker (6-5) comprise the soph talent.

AUSTIN PEAY (Ohio Valley) suffered its worst record (4-17) in 20 years and Coach George Fisher plans to rectify this by using Tommy Head (6-6), a junior college transfer, and Larry Carlee (6-1), a redshirt who sat out a year after transferring from Mississippi State. Combining with Head on the starting five are juniors Hal Jackson (6-3), Mel Van Hooser (6-4) and Benny Morgan (5-10) and soph Bob Burnett (6-6). Another soph who is helping is Barry Rollins (6-2). The Governors lack towering height and speed.

BAYLOR (Southwest) suffered heavy graduation losses, but the Bears still have Darrell Hardy, a 6-7 junior who was the top scorer and rebounder. Wickey McCaleb (6-7) or Mike Fisher (6-8) will fill the center slot. The other forward position will be manned by Russ Kibbe (6-3), Jim Belknap (6-3) or Bob Porter (6-3). Guards in the picture include Tommy Hatfield (6-0), Don Grogan (6-2) and Ed Harris (5-9), all regulars last year. But the big find in the backcourt is soph Jim Turner (6-1), who averaged 39 ppg as a frosh. Kibbe, Belknap and Fisher are sophs who were held out last season. Junior college talent also will help.

BOSTON COLLEGE (Independent) ranks with the best in the East with Dell All-American John Austin (6-0) playing his final varsity season. Capt. Ed Hockenbury, (6-2) senior who snapped the Eagles' assist record last winter, directs the attack that has juniors Willie Wolters (6-8) and Ted Carter (6-4) and soph Jim Kissane (6-7). Juniors Doug Hice (6-1) and Bob Rossi (6-6) and soph Jack Kavancz (5-11) are top-notch reserves. Kissane and Kavancz, plus Steve Adelman (6-5), were key operators on the Eagles' 20-0 frosh team last season.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY (Independent) had some hefty graduation losses but still figures to improve its 10-10 record of last winter, with senior **John Osgood** (6-7) and junior **Rich Lee** (6-1) supplying the firepower. The other starters are senior **Ken Ackerman** (6-0), junior **Wally Birchler** (6-3) and soph **Skip Mortimer** (5-10). **Dave Delaney**, 6-8 junior, is the top reserve and soph **Fred Washington** (6-0) also helps the bench.

BOWLING GREEN (Mid-American) has fine talent and a big new man in 6-8 soph **Walt Piatkowski**, who averaged 21.7 ppg as a frosh. Seniors **Nick Alo** (6-2), **Bob Van Poppel** (6-5) and **Dan Rinicella** (6-4) and juniors **Sam Mims** (6-3) and **Ed Behm** (6-8) give the Falcons experience. A fine frosh team contributes sophs **Rick Hendrix** (6-0), **Al Dixon** (6-9), **Cliff Williams** (6-3), **Carl Assenheimer** (6-4) and **Bob Hodak** (6-2).

BRADLEY (Missouri Valley) has its complete cast back from last season when the Braves tied for second place in the conference. The fine talent on hand could make new coach **Joe Stowell** a winner his first year after taking over from **Chuck Osborn**, who now is director of athletics. Senior **Eddie Jackson** (6-6) makes the Braves a stickout team. He is joined by soph **Joe Allen** (6-7), seniors **Ernie Thompson** (6-3) and **Ron Marin** (6-5) and juniors **Tom Campbell** (6-2) and **Alex McNutt** (6-0). Other sophs showing promise are **Bob Swigris** (6-0), **Willie Betts** (6-5), **Wes Russell** (6-6) and **Greg Berry** (6-6). Senior **Lee Frederick** (6-1) will lend experience, along with juniors **Walt Slater** (6-6), **Chuck Buescher** (6-1) and **Ted Osman** (6-5).

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Western Athletic) is well-healed again after turning in its most impressive season. **John Fairchild** and two others were lost through graduation, but Coach **Stan Watts** has ample replacements in seniors **Steve Kramer** (6-4), **Dick Nemelka** (6-0) and **Jeff Congdon** (6-1), and juniors **Neil Roberts** (6-5) and **Craig Raymond** (6-11). **Raymond** is being pushed for the center spot by sophs **Jim Eakins** (6-11) and **Orville Fisher** (6-1).

BROWN (Ivy) is hoping to climb in the league with six lettermen, but the Bruins have a real battle on their hands and need scoring. Seniors **Don Tarr** (6-5), the captain, and **Steve Kadison** (6-1) combine with juniors **Al Fishman** (5-8) and **Dave Gale** (6-6). Seniors **Al Milanesi** (5-8) and **Mike Fahey** (5-11) are the other two monogram winners. Up from the frosh are **Greg Donaldson** (6-3), **Dick Landau** (5-9) and **Steve Sigur** (6-5).

BUCKNELL (Middle Atlantic) just missed a winning season last winter and hopes to achieve that goal with three seniors, two juniors and a soph. The Bisons' defense, which ranked 10th nationally, again is potent, but the scoring needs some charging now that **Larry Hathaway** has departed. Seniors **Larry Kozella** (6-2), **Bob Douglass** (6-3) and **Craig Fuehrer** (5-11) supply the experience for juniors **John Rodgers** and **Matt McMonigle**, both 6-6, and soph **Frank Weirman**, also 6-6.

BUTLER (Indiana Collegiate) is trying to rebound after losing its top three scorers through graduation. Coach **Tony Hinkle** is doing this with seniors **Lon Showley** (6-5) and **Larry Shade** (5-10) and juniors **Ron Salatch** (6-3), **Ed Schilling** (6-6) and **Gene Milner** (5-11). Good prospects up from the frosh are **Bill Mauck** (6-4), **Don Huckstep** (6-6) and **John Nell** (6-0).

CALIFORNIA (AAWU) has mended its fences—namely faulty rebounding and defense—and is stronger despite the graduation loss of **Dan Wothers**, the leading scorer, rebounder and defender. Juniors **Steve Smith** (6-3), **Charlie Perkins** (6-2) and **Myron Erickson** (6-5); soph **Bob Wolf** (6-5) and senior **Robby Olson** (6-2) are in the thick of action. The center spot is being filled by juniors **Eric Unruh** (6-7) and **John Wardell** (7-0) and soph **Gary Cornelius** (6-8½).

CANISIUS (Independent) is working with a new backcourt duo of juniors **John Morrison** (6-1) and **Bart Carr** (6-3), which feeds to soph **Jack Hassett** (6-5) and juniors **Andy Anderson** (6-1) and **Warren Plant** (6-6). **Anderson** teamed with **Morrison** to form a good guard combination last season, but Coach **Bob MacKinnon** was forced to move **Anderson** out, to strengthen the frontcourt. **Mike Usanoff** (6-5) and **Terry Connors** (6-11), both sophs, are top reserves.

CENTENARY (Independent) has height, experience and depth and should be well over the .500 mark. Last season with the same personnel, the Gents had a 13-11 record. Senior **Tom Kerwin** (6-7), who does everything well, has senior help from **Barrie Haynie** (6-5), **Harold Smith** (6-9), **Ralph Schwegman** (6-3), **Donny Henry** (5-11), **Larry Shoemaker** (6-6), and **Bradley Peters** (6-0). **Mike Gibbs** (6-5) has the best chance to make starting job among soph contingent that also includes **Dellis Germann** (6-1), **Darrell McGibany** (5-10) and **Andy Fullerton** (6-3).

CINCINNATI (Missouri Valley) presents new coach **Ray Baker** with talent, including last season's top three scorers, and it's just a matter of getting them slotted. **Baker** is utilizing senior **Don Rolles** (6-6) and juniors **Ken Calloway** (6-6), **Mike Rolf** (6-6) and **Paul Weidner**

(6-3) up front, with a possibility of **Rolles** working at center part of the time. **Ron Krick**, 6-8 senior, is stationed in the pivot now. The backcourt will be selected from senior **Roland West**, 6-4 senior, **Jerry Cousins**, 5-11 junior, and **John Howard**, 6-4 soph. Other sophs who will help are **Mike Leurck** (6-5), **Dick Bouldin** (5-11) and **Dick Foster** (5-11).

CITADEL (Southern) has its top two scorers—seniors **Herwig Baumann** (6-2) and **Clem Hartley** (6-3)—returning to the backcourt to go with senior forwards **Jim McCurdy** (6-5) and **Dave Muler** (6-6). Junior **Danny Mohr** (6-6) rounds out the starting five, which is backed by juniors **Jimmy Halpin** (6-1) and **Pat Conroy** (5-11) and sophs **Doug Bridges** (6-2) and **John De Brosse** (5-10). **Bridges** is a high-powered soph who averaged 26 ppg with the frosh.

CLEMSON (Atlantic Coast) won't be a soft touch, its veteran array of talent is headed by **Randy Mahaffey**, 6-7 junior. **Mahaffey**, the third brother in the family to play at **Clemson**, led the Tigers in all departments as a soph and is expected to have another good season. Seniors **Garry Helms** (6-4) and **Buddy Benedict** (5-8) and juniors **Jim Sutherland** and **Hank Channell**, both 6-5, also return as starters from last season. However, some of the starters are fighting for their jobs against juniors **Ken Gardner** (6-5), **Joe Ayoub** (6-0) and **Walt Ayers** (6-5) and sophs **Curt Eckard** (6-5), **Dave Demsey** (6-4) and **Denny Danko** (6-3). **Eckard** and **Demsey** were the 1-2 scorers on the frosh and **Danko** came on strong after recovering from an injury.

COLGATE (Independent) has a starting five with no one under six feet. Yet, the Red Raiders lack height, especially the one big man. Juniors **George Dalzell** (6-2), **Alan Brown** (6-3), **Gary Blongiewicz** (6-2) and **Tim Vigrass** (6-2) join senior **Mark Zamat** (6-3) as starters. The Raiders will have firepower, especially from **Dalzell**, but will sorely miss **Ed Muntner** (6-4) and **Tom Cruthers** (6-8). **Mike Barrett** (5-7), is a good ball-handler and "take-charge" player who can score, and is the best of the sophs.

COLORADO (Big Eight) will be a tough stop on the schedule for all teams in the conference, and the Buffaloes should wind up near the top with the return of senior **Chuck Gardner** (6-7) and junior **Pat Frink** (6-3). Senior **Lynn Baker** (6-1), junior **Bob Bauers** (6-5) and soph **Ted Eriert** (6-8) round out the starting five. Two other sophs who will help are **Chuck Williams** and **Mike Rebich**, both 6-2.

COLORADO STATE (Independent) has two fine seniors in **Lonnie Wright** (6-2) and **Tom Vidakovich** (5-11), and this prospect gets the Rams off running. Both want to finish their careers strongly. Backing them are a raft of juniors: **Big Key** (6-4), **Dale Schlueter** (6-9), **Dick Fines** (6-0), **Darrell Greene** (6-1), **Gary Montel** (6-4), **Delon Huse** (6-3) and **Tom Pack** (6-4). **Wright** was the top scorer last season with 19.7 ppg.

COLUMBIA (Ivy) look to skyscraper soph **Dave Newmark** (7-¼) as the start of its resurgence after a 7-15 season. **Newmark**, a high school All-American, cut his hand in an accident but it is sufficiently healed and shouldn't hinder his shooting. He shot with 60.4% accuracy as a frosh at 25.7 ppg. **John Harms** (6-7), another soph, teams with seniors **Stan Felsing** (6-1) and **Ken Benoit** (5-10) and junior **Jack Dema** (6-4). **Felsing** was the top scorer last season with 20.5 ppg.

CONNECTICUT (Yankee) has one big deficiency in defending its conference crown, and that's rebounding. The Huskies lost their greatest rebounder, **Toby Kimball**, who averaged 21 a game. **Kimball** also hit 19.8 ppg. **Wes Bialosuknia**, a 6-2 junior, returns as the top scorer along with seniors **Dan Hesford** (6-2) and **Ken Whitney** (6-6). The other lettermen are juniors **Ron Ritter** (6-3), **Tom Penders** (5-11), **Bill Holowaty** (6-4), **Dick Thompson** (6-6) and **P.J. Curran** (6-0). Seniors **Ken Libertoff** (6-2) and **Bob Cote** (6-5) form the reserve corps along with sophs **Bill Corley** (6-7), **Bob Steinberg** (6-3), **Tom McNeece** (6-1), **Stan Olander** (6-3) and **John Cafarelli** (6-5).

CORNELL (Ivy) was caught in the whirlwind finish by Princeton last season, finishing second in the league, and the Big Red has virtually the same cast back. Seniors **Bob De Luca** (6-2), **Steve Cram** (6-7), **Garry Munson** (6-5) and **Bob Berube** (6-2) and junior **Blaine Aaston** (6-0) give Coach **Sam MacNeil** a solid outfit. Sophs **Greggory Morris** (6-0) and **Pete Reynolds** (6-5) are topnotch reserves, and **Morris** could earn a starting role.

CREIGHTON (Independent) has the ability to hit the boards, and hit them hard, with a frontline of 6-7 players in juniors **Tim Powers** and **Neil Johnson** and soph **Wally Anderzunas**. Seniors **Fritz Pointer** (6-4), co-captain with **Johnson**, and **Bob Miles** (5-9½) round out the starting unit. Juniors **Jerry Kerschen** (6-1) and sharp-shooting sophs **Roger Mower** (6-3), **Paul Michael** (6-6), **Mike Seider** (6-7) and **John Houlinan** and **Tony Licata**, both 6-0, are top reservists.

DARTMOUTH (Ivy) doesn't plan to be kicked around in the league this winter, with a veteran team back and only two graduation losses. **Jack Lockhart**, 6-7 junior, will play a key role. **Lockhart**, who missed all but the first five games last season because of illness, makes the frontline tough as he teams with senior **Chris Kinum** (6-4), and

juniors Pete Dunlop (6-5) and Gunnar Malm (6-7). Seniors Neil Castaldo (5-9) and juniors Lyndon Waug (6-3), Bill Engster (6-1) and Steve Shaffer (6-2) handle the backcourt. Joe Colgan (6-3) and Gene Ryzewicz (5-11) are two sophs with promise.

DAVIDSON (Southern) starts all over again in the conference after being sidelined the past two years in the post-season tourney that produces the NCAA entry. This winter, the Wildcats make their bid without all-American Fred Hetzel, but hope that Dick Snyder, a 6-5 senior, can take over as leader. Snyder is working with four sophs—Bobby Lane (6-5), Rodney Knowles (6-9), Tom Youngsdale (6-10) and Scott Sinnock (6-4). Lane and Knowles were high school all-Americans. Lettermen who'll help are seniors Ronnie Stone (6-3), Phil Squier (6-1), Cam Harkness (6-3), juniors Barry St. Clair (6-1) and Dick Byrd (6-0).

DAYTON (Independent) looks to another fine season as Henry Finkel, a Dell All-America, completes his varsity career and attempts to put the Flyers into the NCAA tournament again. Finkel (6-11) will have help in the forecourt from senior Bill Cassidy (6-4½), soph Don May (6-4) and junior Jim Wannemacher (6-6). The backcourt spots will be manned by junior Gene Klaus (6-0), senior Dennis Papp (6-3) and soph Bobby Hooper (6-0). Backboard help for Finkel and a good soph contingent make the Flyers a solid club.

DELAWARE (Middle Atlantic) is attempting to rise from the depths behind co-captains John Himes (6-2) and Mike Osowski (6-5), both seniors. Sophs Pete Wells (6-3), Vic Orth (5-10) and Ricky Wright (5-9) offer promise, and juniors Harry Greisbach (6-7) and Bill Morley (6-4) give the Hens height. Greisbach is a JC transfer, while Wells was the top frosh player.

DENVER (Independent) possesses a good blend of experienced players and fine sophomores, making the Pioneers tough. Seniors Jerry Causey (6-7) and Dave Arnold (6-5), along with junior Gerry Grover (6-0) supply the experience. Harry Hollines (6-3) and Rick Callahan (6-2½) are two sophs in the starting lineup. Hollines has the whole campus buzzing after a frosh season that saw him score 25 or more points in every game. His high game was 54 points against Colorado State's frosh. Juniors Mike Boxberger (6-4), Jim Fouch (6-5) and Chuck Ducar (6-6½), a transfer from Regis, are the frontline reserves.

DE PAUL (Independent) has four of the five starters who battled into the NCAA tourney last March and could do the same this winter if the sophs play up to their potential. Seniors Don Swanson (6-2), Tom Meyer (6-1) and Dave Mills (6-10) combine with juniors Errol Palmer (6-5) and Mike Norris (6-1), but this unit could be broken up by superior play of sophs Bob Zoretich (6-7), Ken Johnson (6-6), Dick Shealey (6-4) and Bob Mattingly (6-4).

DETROIT (Independent) has solid, home-grown talent. The first six Titan players come from the Motor City. Seniors Lou Hyant (6-2), Dorie Murrey (6-8) and Jim Boyce (6-5) form the backbone of the attack, backed up by sophs Larry Salci (6-2), Rick Pine (6-5), Bruce Rodwan (6-5) and Al MacIntosh (6-2). Only MacIntosh is not from Detroit. Pine was the top scorer for the frosh last season.

DRAKE (Missouri Valley) has better shooting and more speed and its defense again is stubborn. Seniors Harold Aldridge (6-3) and Herman Watson (6-1), a sometimes-starter, combine with juniors Erwin Cox (6-1) and Bob Netolicky (6-8) to steady soph Jim Fox (6-5). Aldridge and Netolicky are returning regulars, while Fox is the best of a soph contingent that also includes Gary Lovemark and Gerald Kaufman, both 6-7. Senior John Mayes (6-6) is another valuable reservist.

DUKE (Atlantic Coast) possesses all the earmarks of a conference champion repeating, with its top three scorers back. Junior Bob Verga (6-0) and senior Steve Vacendak (6-1) were first and third, respectively, in scoring with senior Jack Marin (6-6) in the No. 2 spot. Marin will run up front with Bob Riedy, a 6-6 junior, and the forecourt gets a big boost with soph Mike Lewis (6-7) taking over the center slot. Verga, on the all-conference and all-tourney teams, was one of the finest sophs in the country last season. Junior Stu McKaig (6-1) and sophs Warren Chapman (6-8), Ron Wendelin (6-2) and Tony Barone (5-8) back up the frontliners.

DUQUESNE (Independent) lost a lot of scoring with the graduation of All-American Willie Somerset and some of his mates, and the Dukes are in a rebuilding stage with a senior-sophomore contingent. Frank Miniotas, 6-4 senior, is the only starter back. Only other experienced performers are seniors Jim Smith (6-3) and Pat Masterson (6-1). Sophs filling out the remainder of the starting unit, and the reserve strength, are Rich Carlberg (6-4), Ron Guziak (6-6), Ed Leonarczyk and Phil Washington, both 6-8, Bill Reilly (6-0) and John Kennedy (5-10).

EAST CAROLINA (Southern) is meshing two sophomores into its lineup with three seniors. How well they jell will decide the Pirates' fate. Jerry Woodside (6-4), who averaged 19.6 ppg, Bobby Kinnard (6-6) and Grady Williamson (6-3) are the seniors running with sophs Charles Alford (6-8) and Jim Cox (6-2). Juniors Gerry Smith (6-6) and Dan Pasquariello (6-5) and sophs Freddie Campbell (6-1) and Tex

EASTERN KENTUCKY (Ohio Valley) was smothered by De Paul in the NCAA tournament and is bidding for another shot in the post-season play with a junior-senior combine headed by the sharp-shooting Eddie Bodkin, 6-7 senior. Joining Bodkin are seniors Bill Walton (6-1), Jerry Bisbey (6-8) and John Carr (6-9) and juniors Dick Clark (6-3) and Doug Clemmons (6-2). Soph help comes from Joe Davis (6-1), Joe Pratts (5-11) and Garfield Smith (6-7). Larry Hobson (5-11), a redshirt, is a soph with quickness.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE (Ohio Valley) is a stronger shooting quintet and better on defense, but Tommy Woods, 6-6 junior, will have to carry more than his share of the rebounding load, the same as he did last year. Woods averaged 19.6 retrieves a game to place third in the nation. He plays up front in a 2-3 offense with juniors Bill Wilson (6-4) and Jerry White (6-3), with sophomores Bill Topton (6-2) and Leroy Fisher (6-5) in the backcourt. Junior Gene Helton (5-11), seniors Charley Fox (6-8), and Wayne Miller (5-11) and sophs Laney McLaughlin (6-8) and Ken Hamilton (6-3) supply good bench strength.

FAIRFIELD (Independent) will be tough early in the season and tougher yet once two sophs are experienced enough to work effectively with seniors Mike Branch (6-3) and Pat Burke (6-4) and junior Jim Brown (6-3). The sophs breaking in are Art Kenney (6-8) and Bill Jones (6-4). Leading reserves are juniors Bill Pritz (5-8), Charles Phillips (6-2) and Bill Boyd (6-3) and soph Sol Crenshaw (6-5). Burke and Brown averaged 20 ppg plus last season.

FLORIDA (Southeastern) lost some of its offensive punch with the graduation of three starters, but has a lineup of three juniors and two seniors who should mesh better as the season progresses. The juniors are 6-9 Gary Keller, 6-11 Jeff Ramsey and 6-0 Skip Highley. Seniors Paul Morton (6-4) and Bob Hoffmann (6-8) add height and make the Gators tough defensively. Reserve strength comes from senior Edd Poore (6-5), junior Ed Mahoney (6-2) and sophs Harry Winkler and Mike Rollyson, both 6-3. Spunk Bryant (6-1), a JC transfer, will help in the backcourt.

FLORIDA STATE (Independent) is improved in every department and could be the best team in Coach J.K. (Bud) Kennedy's 18 seasons. Senior Gary Schull (6-7) and junior Ron Malm (6-4) anchor a talent-laden team that also includes 6-10 Dick Danford and 6-1 John (Mo) Bloodworth, two redshirts, and soph Jim Lytle (6-0). Experienced bench strength comes from seniors Bill Peacock (6-4), Ken Leakey (6-2), Charles Fairchild (6-3), Bill Phillips (6-7), and two sophs, Darrell Stewart (6-1) and Don Biggs (6-8), also are assets.

FORDHAM (Independent) finished in whirlwind fashion last winter with an 11-2 mark for the second-half of the campaign to make the NIT. With soph Bill Langheld (6-5) in the starting lineup, the momentum should continue as he combines with such veterans as seniors Bruce Brodbeck (6-1), Len Zandy and Joe Frangipane, both 6-7. Langheld is the best shooter in Fordham's history. Ken Parker (6-2) is another soph asset.

FURMAN (Southern) won six and lost 19 last season and had a 2-13 record in the conference. Going into this season, the outlook doesn't look any brighter because of graduation losses and several academic uncertainties. Dan Goolsby and Dane Sarrett averaged in double figures for the Paladins and 6-6 Don Webster, a soph, figures prominently in a gloomy picture.

GEORGETOWN (Independent) has seven lettermen. The Hoyas were 13-10 last season and have virtually the same team back, led by 6-6 Jim Barry. The other monogram winners are 6-5 John Gibbons, 5-10 Jim Brown, 6-10 Frank Hollendoner, 6-7 Bob Ward, 6-8 Steve Sullivan and Jim Lyddy. Owen Gillen (6-5), the team's second highest scorer, and Ed Solano (6-2) also should figure in Coach Tom O'Keefe's plans. Dennis Cesar and Bruce Stinebrickner, both 6-1, are the top sophs.

GEORGE WASHINGTON (Southern) has only one starter, Ed Rainey (6-6), back and the squad lacks experience. Other juniors besides Rainey (there are no seniors on the roster) are Joe Lalli (5-8), Dick Ellis (6-3), Terry Grele (6-2) and Dick Ballard (6-8). Bob Nugent (6-8), another junior, has come through a shoulder operation and is figured for the starting center. Top soph is Mickey Sullivan (6-4), and Fred Devey (6-4), a JC find, also should help.

GEORGIA (Southeastern) gives new coach Ken Rosemond two seniors, two juniors and a soph as a starting lineup. Jerry Waller, 6-7 junior, is the class player combining with senior Lee Martin (6-0), juniors Ray Jeffords (6-5) and Dwayne Powell (6-0) and soph Jim Youngblood (6-4). The Bulldogs need scoring power from their reserves and hope sophs Dick McIntosh (5-9) and Don Wix (6-7) can supply it.

GEORGIA TECH (Independent) lost its top three scorers through graduation and is short on height this season, although the overall team speed and hustle has improved. Slated as starters are senior Mick Stenftenagel (6-1), juniors Charles Kenney (6-1) and Pres Judy (6-2½) and sophs Pete Thorne (6-4) and Phil Wagner (6-1½). Kenney and Judy were starters last season and Stenftenagel started the first five games. Others who could crack the lineup are

juniors **Newt Holloway** (6-6) and **John Arnold** (6-3) and sophs **Ted Tomasovich** (6-3), **Dave Clark** (6-4), **Rick Tyler** (6-2), **Terry Akins** (6-2), **Stan Guth** (5-11) and **Ray Ridenour** (6-2).

GETTYSBURG (Middle Atlantic) has a senior starting five trying to get the Bullets out of the mediocre stage and improve on the 12-11 mark of last winter. **Chris Sirms** (6-4) is tapped as the big scoring threat to replace the graduated **George Strouse**. The other starters are **Dave Yates** (6-0), **Jim Ruck** (6-5), **Chuck Richardson** (6-3) and **Bob Morris** (5-11). Top soph who will see a lot of action is **Craig Guers** (6-2), who shot 56 per cent from the floor for 14.5 ppg with the frosh team.

GONZAGA (Big Sky) presents a pleasant picture to coach **Hank Anderson** since none of last year's starters were graduated. Junior **Gary Lechman** (6-3) and seniors **Bill Suter** (5-8) and **John Brodsky** (6-2) are starters. However, **Larry Brown** and **Chuck Thomas**, who started last season, are battling for their posts with JC transfer talent. **John Dougherty** (6-3) is the best of the soph group.

HARDIN-SIMMONS (Independent) has an experienced quintet built around seniors **Charles Dishman** (6-2) and **Bill Robinzine** (5-8) and juniors **Sylvester Neal** (6-6), **Dick Nagy** (6-5) and **Clarence McHenry** (6-4). McHenry had a good soph season and coach **Lou Henson** expects him to blossom even more with an added year of experience. The experience trademark even carries over into the reserves as two JC stars—**Cain Moore** (6-7) and **Bob Holley** (6-4)—fill the role.

HARVARD (Ivy) will be strong in the backcourt, but weak in rebounding and in forecourt reserves. Accurate shooting, mainly from senior **Keith Sedlacek** (6-1), who set a Crimson record with 490 points and a 21.3 average, will be the chief plus. Seniors **John Scott** (6-4) and **Barry Williams** (6-5), who will have to do most of the rebounding, and **Bill Feigley** (6-0) round out the starting five. Prominent sophs are **Bob Beller** (5-11), who averaged 20 ppg as a frosh, **Joe Grate** (6-0), **Carleton Kendrick** (6-4) and **Steve Handler** (6-5).

HOLY CROSS (Independent) presents new coach **Jack Donohue** with six lettermen to start his collegiate coaching career, headed by captain **Richie Murphy**, 6-4 senior. Senior **Greg Hochstein** (6-4½) and his brother, **Keith**, a 6-4 soph, senior **John Hayes** (6-3) and junior **Tom Greeley** (6-1) back up Murphy. Seniors **John Sullivan** (6-5) and **Tom Mounkhal** (6-3), a pair of lettermen, figure prominently and the Crusaders get further help from sophs **Al Stazinski** (6-3) and **Bruce Teixeira** (6-0). Other returnees include **Walter (Jack) Avis**, **John Burke**, **Don Johnson**, **Hugh O'Malley** and **Ralph Willard**. Additional soph talent comes from **John Dowd**, **Jim O'Brien** and **Mike Eagen**.

HOUSTON (Independent) has the rare combination of a top senior, **Joe Hamood** (5-11), and a super soph, **Elvin Hayes** (6-9), as the keystone to proving it's one of the top powers in the Southwest. Running with this duo are six lettermen: seniors **Wayne Ballard** (6-2), **Rich Apolskis** (6-4), **Denny Neumann** (6-5) and **Lou Perry** (6-6) and juniors **Leary Lentz** (6-6) and **Gary Grider** (6-1). Hayes averaged 24.4 ppg as a frosh and **Don Chaney** and **Paul Ozug**, both 6-5, also averaged in double figures for the frosh team. Houston is that much tougher with the addition of **Don Kruse** (6-8), who averaged 27 points and 19 rebounds a game last season for Kilgore Junior College.

IDAHO (Big Sky) will be in the upper echelons of the conference standings with four of its top four scorers returned. **Tom Moreland**, the leading scorer, has graduated, but seniors **Jerry Skafie** (5-11), **John Rucker** (6-3) and **Ed Haskins** (6-2) and junior **Dave Schlotthauer** (6-7) are back. Junior **Bob Pipkin** (6-3), a JC All-American at Dodge City, Kan., is a welcome newcomer.

IDAHO STATE (Big Sky) lost **De Wayne Cruse** (6-8), the school's best big man, and the team is largely manned by JC transfers and sophomores. Seniors **Ken Briggs** (6-5) and **Dave Wagon** (6-2) represent the experience. Newcomers include 6-3 guard **Len Frazier** and soph **Hank Fishman** (6-7). The JC grads are **Rudy Becerra** (5-9), **Jeff Mitchelson** (6-7) and **Jerry Moser** (5-11).

ILLINOIS (Big 10) lost plenty of scoring punch and height through graduation, and sophs will have to take up the slack if the Illini is going to stay in the upper echelons of the conference. Top upper class talent comes from seniors **Don Freeman** and **Jim Vopicka**, both 6-1½, and **Larry Hinton** (6-2½) and juniors **Jim Dawson** (6-0), **Bob Johansen** and **Dean Flessner**, both 6-4½, and **Preston Pearson** (6-4). Soph assistance comes from **Rich Jones** (6-7), **Ron Dunlap** (6-8), **Benny Louis** (6-2½) and **Greg Wright** (6-1½). Sophs are key to success.

INDIANA (Big 10) lost the Van Arsdale twins and most of its scoring and rebounding through graduation, presenting new coach **Lou Watson** with a construction job of major proportions. This necessitates having sophs **Harry (Butch) Joyner** (6-4), **Dick Schrupp** (6-9) and **Vern Payne** (5-10) in the starting lineup along with seniors **Gary Grieger** (6-4) and junior **Erv Inniger** (6-3½). Sophs also form the main line of support, with **Frank Everett** (6-6), **Gary Leinburger** (6-7) and **Ken Newsome** (6-4). The Hoosiers expected great things from Joyner last season, but an ankle break knocked him out for the season.

IOWA (Big 10) has its top three scorers back. Seniors **George Peeples** (6-8) and **Chris Pervall** (6-2) and junior **Gerry Jones** (6-4) all averaged double figures and joined senior **Gary Olsen** (6-5) as starters. Senior **Dennis Pauling** (6-4) backs Peeples up at center. **Huston Breedlove** (6-6), **Dick Agnew** (6-6) and **Ben McGilmer** (6-7) are the sophs being considered for the fifth starting spot.

IOWA STATE (Big Eight) has greater rebounding strength with the addition of sophs **Don Smith** (6-7) and **Raul Duarte** (6-9) to the starting lineup. This, of course, also means a lack of experience. Anchoring the sophs are seniors **Al Koch** and **Bob Ziegler**, both 6-3, and the fifth starter is soph **John McGonigle** (6-2). Junior **Dave Fleming** (6-5) and soph **Dave Hartman** (6-2) are the chief reserves. Koch and Ziegler averaged in double figures last year.

KANSAS (Big Eight) has a rugged schedule early in the season to put the Jayhawks in good stead for a run at the conference title. The presence of 7-0 senior **Walt Wesley**, a Dell All-American, is the chief reason for optimism. The rest of the starting five has seniors **Art Lopes** (6-5), **Del Lewis** (6-1) and **Riney Lochmann** (6-5) and junior **Ron Franz** (6-6). **Rodge Bohnenstiehl** (6-5) and **Jo-Jo White** (6-2), sophs who were prep school All-Americans, and junior **Bob Wilson** (6-7) add to the bright outlook.

KANSAS STATE (Big Eight), jolted by a tie for sixth place in the league last winter, is eager to get back into the thick of the race. The Wildcats have a big frontline of junior **Roy Smith** (6-9) and soph **Earl Seyfert** (6-7) to go with center **Nick Pino**, the 7-1 soph who was "red-shirted" last season. The backcourt is well stocked with junior **Dennis Berkholtz** (6-0) and seniors **Ron Paradis** (6-2) and **Sam Robinson** (6-0). K-State was one game under .500 and 5-9 in the conference.

KENT STATE (Mid-American) is working with the same starting lineup as last winter. Four of the five, all seniors now, averaged in double figures. Co-Captains **Fred Albrecht** (6-6) and **Wilson Graham** (6-2) combine with **Doug Sims** (6-7), **Norm Curry** (6-5) and **John Schick** (6-3) to make the Golden Flashes a top conference contender. Sophs who bring size and scoring to the varsity are **Larry Horner** (6-1), **Art Kuysner** (6-2), **Dave Billick** (6-9), **Vaughn Baird** (6-4) and **Tom Purvis** (6-8).

KENTUCKY (Southeastern) finished with its lowest conference finish (fifth) in coach **Adolph Rupp's** 35-year career in the Blue Grass country, and the Wildcats are bidding to upgrade this position with a soph center—6-8½ **Cliff Berger**. Running with the big, second-year player are juniors **Pat Riley** (6-3½) and **Louie Dampier** (6-0) and seniors **Larry Conley** (6-3½) and **Tommy Kron** (6-5½). Junior **Brad Bounds** (6-5½) and sophs **Bobby Tallent** (6-1) and **Jim Le Master** (6-2) are the chief reserves. Rebounding is the key word for the Wildcats.

LAFAYETTE (Middle Atlantic) lost its 1-2 punch of **Preston Denby** and **Dan Kristoff** through graduation, but the Leopards have senior **Dave Brown** (6-3) to lead a starting five that also includes juniors **Mike Goetz** (6-4) and **Nick Azzolina** (6-1) and seniors **Lou Day** (6-3) and **Walt Manuel** (6-1). Sophs **Bill Tweedy** (6-5), who topped the frosh in scoring with an 11.9 ppg, and **Tom Maatta** (6-0) form the chief bench strength. Other frosh could help depending on their eligibility.

LEHIGH (Middle Atlantic) lost four players through graduation from a team that compiled a 7-13 record, and coach **Tony Packer** faces a rebuilding winter. Three juniors—**Pat Howlett** (5-10), **Bill Washychyn** (6-1) and **Tom Bennett** (6-4)—form the nucleus for the Engineers.

LOUISIANA STATE (Southeastern), with **Frank Truitt** taking over as head coach, has a distinct lack of depth and backboard strength, mainly through the graduation of 6-5 **Dick Maile** and 6-8 **Bob Wilson**. The new "topkick" has two 6-6 operatives in senior **Harry Heroman** and soph **Pete Henry**, but the talent drops off in height after that. Soph **Buddy Shirley** (6-2) and juniors **Tommy Thigpen** (6-5) and **Kenny Drost** (6-0) round out the first five. Juniors **Brad Brian** (5-11) and **Larry Henderson** (6-5) lead the thin reserve list. The Tigers should be a good shooting club, but will have to tighten up defensively.

LOUISVILLE (Missouri Valley) unveils its prize soph, 6-8 **Westley Unseld**, and figures he and other top second-year players will make the Cardinals a big winner. Unseld was the standout on the frosh team that beat the varsity in overtime, had a 15-0 record and averaged 112.7 ppg. Other soph starters are **Bobby Marin** (6-5) and **Fred Holden** (6-3) who team with juniors **Joe Liedtke** (6-7) and **Dave Gilbert** (6-2). **Eddie Whitehead** (6-4) and **Wade Houston** (6-5) are returning lettermen. Although Liedtke is the only returning starter, Louisville has a bright outlook.

LOYOLA of Los Angeles (WCAC) has a 6-8 junior **Paul Deyden** as its only "skyscraper." Senior **Bob Burns** (6-5), junior **Ken Petersen** (6-4½) and sophs **Dick Sebek** (6-5) and **Dick Zembal** (6-3) round out the starting five. Backing them up are seniors **Ed McDonald** (5-10) and **Clete Adelman** (6-2) and sophs **Rick Ragsdale** (5-11) and **Rick Adelman** (6-0).

LOYOLA of Chicago (Independent) is anchored by two out-69

standing seniors—Billy Smith (6-5) and Jim Coleman (6-0)—and is high on its soph crop that went 13-4 as frosh. Four second-year players averaged in double figures: Corky Bell and Alan Miller, both 6-2, Doug Wardlaw (6-0) and Denny Patterson (6-4). Seniors Eddie Manzke (5-11) Tom Markey (6-5) and Tony Perez (6-4) and juniors Bill Daly (5-9) and Les Scott (6-2) give the Ramblers that experienced look. Only a real big man is lacking.

LOYOLA of New Orleans (Independent) figures to improve on its 8-16 record of last winter, with three sophs among the Wolves' first six players. Soph Ted Adams (6-1) will team with junior Roger Radecki (6-3) in the backcourt, and soph Jim Jacksonski (6-6) will run in the forecourt with senior Don Kalinowski (6-4). Two second-year players, Bill O'Brien (6-9) and Dan Bell (6-7) are scrapping for the center spot. The soph contingent is so good that Craig Tolbert, the second-leading scorer last winter, and Barry Geraghty, among others, have been pushed down in the player ratings.

MAINE (Yankee) will have three 6-5 operators in its frontline—senior Guy Strang, junior Dave Hale and soph Dale McNally. A big man is lacking. Two sharp-shooting guards, junior Terry Carr and senior Bob Woodbury, both 6-0, are figured on for some big point-production. Junior Rick Woods (5-10) will head the reserve corp that also will include sophs Tom Farrell (5-10), Dave Smith (5-8) and Dick Armstrong and John Bouchard, both 6-1.

MANHATTAN (Metropolitan) suffered heavy graduation losses including Larry Lembo, the Jaspers' all-time scoring king, and is building around Bob Chlupa (6-7), George Bruns (6-0) and Al McAuley and Mike Queenan, both 6-3. Tim Leary (6-2) and Fred Capshaw (6-0) also are back. Two guards who didn't play varsity last season, Brian Tucker and Al Orlando, and 6-5 John Doran, a transfer from Notre Dame, also should help. Up from the frosh are 6-4 Marty Baietti, Walt Costello, Bill Goodfellow and Ralph Deppisch.

MARQUETTE (Independent) has four starters back in seniors Tom Flynn (6-5) and Rogers Buxton (6-3) and juniors Paul Carbins (6-6) and Bob Wolf (6-2). This bright picture looks even brighter with sophs Blanton Simmons (6-5) and Brad Luchini (6-2). The sophs could work into the starting lineup, and JC help could make the Warriors that much stronger. Flynn, who averaged 16.5 ppg, is the top player.

MARSHALL (Mid-American) had a fine frosh team, as evidenced by two sophs—Orville Stepp (6-0) and Joe Dawson (6-0)—manning backcourt posts and Bob Redd (6-3) holding down one of the forward spots. Senior Tom Langfitt (6-4), all-conference at guard last season, now is fighting off soph George Stone (6-7) and junior Bill Whetsell (6-4) for the other forward spot. Center presents a battle among seniors George Hicks (6-4) and Jerry Katz (6-6) and soph Bob Allen (6-9). The Thundering Herd frosh ran off 19 straight triumphs.

MARYLAND (Atlantic Coast) suffered no graduation losses and also has sophomore help. Senior Gary Ward (6-5) and junior Jay McMillen (6-7) are the top scorers. Juniors Joe Harrington (6-5) and Gary Williams (6-0) and senior Neil Brayton (6-4) round out the starting five. The talent doesn't stop there, with seniors Rick Wise (6-8) and Jack Clark (6-4) and sophs Paul Hauser (6-7), Julius Johnson (6-0) and Bill Jones (6-1) trying to break into the lineup.

MASSACHUSETTS (Yankee) has its smallest team in years, but is faster with a starting unit of seniors Jim Edwards (6-4) and Clarence Hill (6-0), juniors John Lisack (6-3) and sophs Billy Tindall (6-5) and Mike Bernard (6-4). Hill set two Umass scoring records and Edwards produced a season rebound standard. Backing up the starters are juniors Mike Meola (5-11), Frank Stewart (6-4) and Jim Bayak (6-3), senior Paul Gullicksen (6-5) and sophs Jim Girotti (6-5), Gary Gasperack (6-4), Hagan Anderson (5-11), Rick Perkins (6-3) and Don Alberico (6-0).

MEMPHIS STATE (Independent) lost its top three scorers from last year. Guard B.G. Petty, a senior, is the only regular back. Petty will have to steer a high-powered soph contingent, led by Mike Butler (6-2). Other sophs are Jack Romp (6-5), Mackie Don Smith (6-8) and Chuck Neal (6-7). Butler had an 18.9 norm last season in leading the Tiger frosh to a 19-2 record. Jimmie Hawkins (6-5), Mike Stewart (6-2) and Mike O'Dell (6-7) are other second-year players who should help.

MIAMI of Florida (Independent) lost Rick Barry, its national scoring champion, and his 37.4 ppg average will be sorely missed. Still, coach Bruce Hale had nine lettermen and isn't destitute for talent. Seniors Stewart Marcus (6-4) and Don Patrican (6-7) play up front with junior Mike Wittman (6-6), and juniors Rick Jones (5-11) and Junior Gee (5-10) play the backcourt. Center Eddie Springs (6-8) is the biggest contribution from last year's frosh squad. Other monogram winners returning are Mike Volkman (6-0), Bob Green (6-2) and Charlie Grob (6-8), all seniors, and John Bates, a 6-6 junior.

MIAMI of Ohio (Mid-American) lost four starters who pro-

pelled the Redskins to a 20-5 record, but retains MVP Jerry Peirson, 6-5 senior, and acquires sharp-shooting soph Phil Snow (5-9). Seniors Jim Patterson (6-6½), Bob Jackson (6-3) and Rich Chamberlain (6-4) and juniors Walt Williams and Jerry Fisher, both 6-2, are the other frontline operators. The Redskins' graduation losses accounted for their top three scorers, but Miami still will be a factor in the conference race.

MICHIGAN (Big 10) is mending the holes left through graduation and the NCAA runner-up should be strong by tournament time. Cazzie Russell (6-6), a Dell All-American, is the key man, of course. Capt. Oliver Darden (6-7) and Jim Myers (6-8), both seniors, and junior Craig Dill (6-10) supply plenty of height. Seniors John Thompson (6-0) and John Clawson (6-4) and junior Dennis Bankey (6-1) also are tough. Jim Pitts (6-3) appears to be the only soph who could break into the veteran cast.

MICHIGAN STATE (Big 10) has John Bennington on the job trying to put the Spartans into a contending position in the conference with two seniors and three sophs as starters. Adapting to the new coach are seniors Bill Curtis (6-4) and Stan Washington (6-3). The newcomers include sophs Art Baylor (6-6), Gerald Geisler (6-8) and Steve Rymal (6-1). Washington will team in the backcourt with Rymal, who may be the club's quarterback. Senior Dick Holmes (6-4), junior Ted Cray (6-5) and soph Jack Wynn (6-8) make the Spartans a better rebounding club.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE (Ohio Valley) has a new coach, Ken Trickey, and it's obvious the Wolves will work more on defense this season, since they yielded an average of 95.4 points a game. Trickey is fielding an all-junior starting five, headed by Jay Cole, a JC phenom who stands 6-2. The other starters are Ed Cannon (6-6), Barry Jackson (6-7), Jack Sutter (6-1) and Jerry Bush (6-0). Bush also is a JC transfer. A quartet of "redshirts" consisting of Ronnie Ward (6-1), Terry Thomas (6-2), Chuck Fiedler (6-2) and Ken Shulman (6-5) are top reserves.

MINNESOTA (Big 10) has its best chance in years for snagging the conference crown, with three starters and two reserves back from a second-place team of a year ago. Lou Hudson, a 6-5 senior who set a one-season Gopher scoring record with 558 points and a 23.3 ppg average, holds the key to success as he combines with seniors Dennis Dvoracek (6-7) and Archie Clark (6-1½). Tom Kondla, a 6-7 soph, holds the important center slot. Junior Paul Presthus (6-5) and senior Wes Martins (5-11) offer excellent support as they did last season, along with sophs Wayne Barry (6-1) and Fred Kusch (6-8). This could be the year for the Gophers, who figure Michigan and Iowa will be their toughest roadblocks.

MISSISSIPPI (Southeastern) won only four games last season and definitely is improved this season with four starters back to play in its new Coliseum. The senior starters are Fred Stanley (6-5), Glenn Lusk (6-2), Jim Robbins (6-2) and Eddie Dunn (5-11). They combine with JC transfer Chuck Burhorn (6-6½), who is the center. Juniors Dick Megginson (6-3) and Bill Poland (6-2), senior John Partridge (6-6) and soph Quay Parks (6-4) give coach Eddie Crawford a versatile bench and solid depth. Other sophs who are helping are Ronnie Wall and Jim Moran, both 6-4, and Ronnie Aldy (6-2).

MISSISSIPPI STATE (Southeastern) is an interesting team for Joe Dan Gold in his first season as head coach. The Bulldogs had five soph starters most of last winter, and this quintet returns. However, soph Dave Williams (6-7) has taken over one of the forward slots. The junior returnees are Bill Chumbler (6-1), Gary Washington (6-3), Charlie Crews (6-7) and Buddy Walden (6-0). Paul Smith (5-10), who led the conference with 51 of 55 free throws, is the lone senior and John Saper (6-4) is the junior who was moved out of the starting five. They are the top reserves. Junior Herb Biggs (6-9) and sophs Tommy Payne and Jim Gordon, both 6-5, and Dale Creed (6-0) also back up the starters.

MISSOURI (Big Eight) is fighting an uphill battle for a .500 season following the graduation of its top three scorers and best two rebounders. Sophomores haven't shown enough to brighten the picture, with 6-5 Tom Millenberger and 6-2 Dave Bennett in the starting lineup. This soph duo combines with senior Charlie Rudd (6-0) and juniors Ron Coleman (6-1) and George Moore (6-7). Tim Marting (6-1) is another second-year player who may blossom.

MONTANA STATE (Big Sky) lost three solid starters, including Kermit Young, and this may knock the Bobcats out of a contending spot in the conference. Juniors Tom Storm (6-5) and Bill Gillespie (6-3) are shouldering the big burden of scoring and general team leadership. They are joined by seniors Lynn Klassert (6-7) and Ron Scott (5-11) and junior Jim Moffitt (6-3). Junior Joe Zych (6-4) and soph Bill Nath (6-2) highlight what there is of a bench.

MOREHEAD STATE (Ohio Valley) is bidding for the top of the conference. Senior Henry Akin (6-9), one of the best big men ever produced by the Eagles, is showing the way. Akin is joined by seniors Bob Kohler (6-7) and Tommy Castle (6-1) and juniors Bruce King (6-5)

and Jim Sandfoss (6-0) on the starting five. Chief support comes from juniors Sam Hall (6-7) and Dave Turner (6-4) and sophs Larry Jordan (6-6) and Wayne Martin and Mike Tarry, both 5-10, and Charles Adams (6-6).

MURRAY STATE (Ohio Valley) provides coach Cal Luther with some fine young talent and quite possibly could produce something close to last year's record of 19-7. This log was the best for the Racers since 1943, and Stewart Johnson, a 6-8 senior, and Herb McPherson, a 6-5 junior, will need good years to achieve another fine season. Juniors Rick Miller (6-5) and Don Duncan (5-10), a JC transfer, add experience to steady a soph brigade that includes Leonard Poole (5-10), Milt Putts (6-0) and Dick Cunningham (6-10). Duncan averaged 33 ppg for Centralia JC.

NAVY (Independent) has its 1-2 scoring punch of seniors Chris Reddington (6-5) and Bill Radcliffe (6-3) back. Rounding out the starting five are seniors Gene Parchinski (6-3) and Ralph Mitchell (5-10) and soph Jim Snook (6-5). Adequate bench strength comes from juniors Tim Cohane (6-2) and Dick Rolfe (6-5), senior Frank Smith (6-0) and soph Hugh Kilmartin (6-3). Snook had a 23.2 ppg average for the plebe team which had a 15-2 record.

NEBRASKA (Big Eight) has all its regulars back and is trying to make a run for the conference crown with a junior-senior combination, backed up by two sophs. Juniors Fred Hare (6-1), Nate Branch (6-4), Willie Campbell (6-5) and Brice Pearson (6-9) combine with seniors Grant Simmons (6-3) and Coley Webb (6-5) to account for the experience. Stuart Lantz (6-3) and Tom Baack (6-5) are the sophs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Yankee) looks to improvement this winter with a senior-sophomore combination that should better the 2-19 record of last season. Seniors Ted Horne (6-1), Randy Daniels (6-3) and Joe Drinon (5-11) anchor sophs Steve Seay (6-5) and Denny Hodgdon (6-1) on the starting five. Backing up the starters are junior Tuffy Clark (6-1) and sophs Don Lemothe (6-2), Tom Vasquez (6-8), Dean Gaskill (6-2) and Dave Harkenson (6-5).

NEW MEXICO (Western Athletic) has five juniors in its starting lineup. The Lobos are without Skip Kruzich, their team leader, who was graduated, but Don Hoover (6-2) has taken over his role. Top scorer Mel Daniels (6-9), Ben Monroe (6-3), Bill Morgan (6-7) and Don Rose (6-8), a transfer from Tulane, complete the starting unit. Paul Buchanan (6-7) and Ray Dupree (6-0) are the chief contributions from the soph class. Defense, which ranked third nationally and propelled the Lobos into an NIT bid, again will be New Mexico's calling card.

NEW MEXICO STATE (Independent) has a questionable outlook this winter for two reasons. JC transfers and how Bob Williams' knee recuperates from surgery will go a long way in the Aggies' success—or failure. Besides Williams, new coach Jim McGregor is starting two other seniors, 7-0 Mike Dabich and 6-2 Ernie Turner, to go with juniors Jesse Oliver (6-1) and Ken Snyder (6-6). Up from the frosh team are Wesley Morehead (6-5), Cliff Noble (6-4) and Sebbly Mulluzzo (6-0).

NYU (Metropolitan) goes after its first conference crown with an experienced and balanced starting five but may be a little shy in reserve strength. Seniors Ray Bennett (6-7) and Richie Dyer (6-3), co-captains, and Stan McKenzie combine with juniors Mal Graham (6-1) and Bruce Kaplan (6-4½) as starters. Seniors Dick Brown (6-2) and Tom Levine (6-3) and junior Dave Nelson (5-11) are other returnees. Top players from the frosh squad are Gary Witrock (6-5), Gene Slattery (6-2) and Bill Shekalus (6-1).

NIAGARA (Independent) presents a pleasant picture to new coach Jim Maloney with four upperclassmen and an outstanding soph, Emmanuel Leaks (6-7) comprising the starting five. Leaks, a high school All-American who averaged 24.1 ppg as a frosh, will mesh with seniors George Phillips (6-5), Pat Broderick (6-1) and Art Coleman (6-4) and junior Dave Smith (6-3). Greg Hudecki and Len Spremulli, both 6-5, and Jim Carno (6-2) are three other sophs who will form the chief reserve strength. Maloney is taking over from his old tutor, Taps Gallagher who had only five losing seasons in 31 years of coaching.

NORTH CAROLINA (Atlantic Coast) absorbed heavy graduation losses and is regrouping to make a run at the conference crown. Billy Cunningham is the biggest loss. Seniors John Yokley (6-0), Bob Bennett (6-8) and juniors Bob Lewis (6-3) and Tom Gauntlett (6-4) team with soph Larry Miller (6-3) to form the starting five. Lewis averaged 32 ppg and was one of the hottest frosh prospects in the South. Junior Mark Mirken (6-6) and Ian Morrison (6-2) and senior Ray Hassell (6-0) back up the starters.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (Atlantic Coast) has lost Larry Lakins through graduation, but coach Pres Maravich still has an experienced and well-balanced quintet with 10 lettermen. Back from the team that took third place in the NCAA Eastern Regionals are eight seniors—Hal Blondeau (6-4), Pete Coker (6-5), Gary Hale (6-0), Ray Hodgdon (6-4), Tommy Matlocks (6-3), Billy Moffitt (5-11), Phil Taylor (6-9) and Larry Worsley (6-5). Juniors Eddie Biedenbach (6-1) and

Sam Geally (6-0) add to the experience. Up from the frosh squad are Merv Gutshall (6-1), Paul Hudson (6-11), Bill Kretzer (6-7) and John Sellers (6-8).

NORTH TEXAS STATE (Missouri Valley) hopes to lift itself out of the eighth-place finish in the conference with a veteran crew headed by Willie Davis, a 6-8 junior. Davis will be joined by seniors Albert Jones (6-4½), Carl Miler (6-7) and Doug Reedy (6-4), and junior Ron Mill (5-9). Mill will not be eligible until the spring semester and Dale Abshire, a 6-4 JC transfer student, will take his place until then. Butch Pruett (6-7) is the best to come up from the frosh ranks.

NORTHWESTERN (Big 10) expects to win a lot more games than the seven it did last season. A junior-senior combination figures to put the Wildcats in the upper echelon of the standings. Juniors Jim Burns (6-4), Ron Kozlicki (6-6), Rich Mason (6-7) and Walt Tiberi (6-1) team with seniors Jim Pitts (6-8) and John Martz (6-4) to raise hopes. Mike Weaver (6-5) is the only soph who may see action.

NOTRE DAME (Independent) was shorn of a lot of firepower and height through graduation and also is on the short side in playing time for its starters. Captain Buck McGann, 6-3 senior, is the only returning starter and he is testing the results of a spring knee operation. Juniors Kevin Hardy (6-5), a football tackle, Jim Monahan (6-3) and Bob Bentley (6-3) and senior Tom Bornhorst (6-4) complete the starting five. Brian Keller (6-4) and Bob Kocmalksi (6-2) are the best of the sophs.

OHIO STATE (Big 10) has moved Bill Hasket (6-6) into its starting lineup to go with veterans Ron Sepic (6-4) and Al Rowley (6-0), both juniors, and seniors Andy Ahijevych (6-6) and either Al Peters (6-3) or Bob Dove (6-6). Lack of reserve strength and offensive power are the Buckeyes' big deficiencies.

OHIO (Mid-American) is putting forth four juniors and a soph in defense of its conference crown. The Bobcats lose three topflight operators, but still have enough experience for a good defense. John Schroeder (6-9) leads the junior contingent that also includes Mike Hammond (5-10), Dave Brown (6-0) and Ken Fowlkes (6-4). Fred Cluff (6-8) is the soph entrusted with making the Bobcats jell. Juniors Don Spires (6-6) and Russ Hamilton (6-3), senior Tom Weirich (5-10) and Wayne Young (6-4) back up the starting quintet.

OKLAHOMA CITY (Independent) has its four top scorers back in seniors Jerry Lee Wells (6-1), Charlie Hunter (6-4) and Jim Ware (6-8) and junior Gary Gray (6-1). The fifth starter will come from a good crop of sophs, headed by Ron Koper (6-5). Other sophs who will help are Floyd Bridges (6-5), Henry Koper (6-4), Luther Lawrence (6-2) and Jay Harris (6-3). Junior Ron Bolin (5-9) is used in the backcourt.

OKLAHOMA (Big Eight) had its best frosh team in a decade and the "graduates" of this squad will go a long way in determining the future of the Sooners. Don Sidle (6-7) is the prime soph, having cracked the starting lineup that also includes seniors Bill Whitlock (6-3), George Hawkins (6-5) and Tom Flood (5-10) and junior Jim Johnson (6-4). Soph Willie Rogers (6-3), Ed Szczesny (6-7) and Terry Due (6-3) back up the frontliners.

OKLAHOMA STATE (Big Eight) had its day in the sun by winning the conference crown last winter and now has to rebuild with two regulars—Freddie Moulder, a 6-3 junior, and Skip Iba, a 6-3 senior. Junior Jim Feamster (6-6), seniors Keith Branch (6-5) and Lester Berryhill (6-3) and soph Jack Herron (6-4) form the nucleus. Coach Hank Iba's team was second nationally in defense, allowing 55.7 ppg, a plus for the Cowboys.

OREGON (AAWU) has almost all of its personnel back plus some fine sophomore talent. Junior Nick Jones (6-2) and senior Jim Barnett (6-4), the Ducks' top scorer, form an excellent backcourt duo, with soph John Pinkstaff (6-7) and senior Bill Jennings (6-6) in the forward slots. The Ducks are hoping for improvement from center Gene Brockmeyer, a 6-10 senior. The bench will be composed of seniors Dave Kafoury (6-0), John Franz (6-6), Don Du Shane (6-0) and soph Ken Smith (6-4).

OREGON STATE (AAWU) has been running two sophomores in its starting line-up. Gary Wilken (6-8) and Loy Petersen (6-6), a transfer from Pepperdine who sat out a year, are the newcomers. Seniors Charlie White (6-4) and Rich Whelan (6-0) and junior Ed Fredenberg (6-6) complete the starting quintet. Soph Karl Weide (6-6), seniors Dave Fox (6-3) and Scott Eaton (6-3) and juniors Ray Carlile (5-11) and Larry French (6-6) are the chief reserves.

PACIFIC (WCAC) has two seniors and three juniors comprising the first five. Seniors Joe Kelley (6-7) and Art Gilbert (5-9) combine with juniors Bob Krulish (6-6), Keith Swagerty (6-7) and Bruce Parsons (6-3). Krulish and Swagerty are products of the Tigers great frosh team of two years ago and should hit their peak this winter. Seniors Don Odale (6-5½) and junior Jim Hill (6-4) are topnotch reserves along with sophs Steve Michelson and Joe Ferguson, both 6-1.

PENNSYLVANIA (Ivy) has an enviable array of talent in which to battle Cornell and defending champ Princeton. **Stan Pawlak** (6-2) second in league scoring and rebounding, and **Jeff Neuman** (6-1) are two seniors who give the Quakers plenty of firepower. Other seniors who add experience and height are **John Hellings** (6-8), **Chuck Fitzgerald** (6-2), **Bob Auchter** (6-5) and **Frank Burgess** (6-8). The two sophs who have a chance of breaking in right away are **Tom Mallison** (6-10) and **Larry Frank** (6-6). **Bob Shannon** (6-6) and **Tom Northrup** (6-2) complete the talent that has all the earmarks of a champion.

PENN STATE (Independent) had its best season ever (20-4) last winter and will have to go some to match that mark following the graduation of its best defensive player and playmaker, **Bob Weiss**. The Nittany Lions were 11th in defense in the nation last season, one of the reasons they got an at-large berth in the NCAA tourney. Seniors **Carver Clinton** (6-4), **Ray Saunders** (6-6) and **Jim Reed** (6-1) will start again, with junior **Paul Mickey** (6-9) at center. The last berth will be filled by either senior **Jerry Roseboro** (6-1) or soph **Jeff Persson** (6-3).

PEPPERDINE (WCAC) has valuable, experienced talent, but it doesn't add up to a conference title for the Waves. Juniors **Rick Duel** (6-5), **Bill Satterfield** (5-10) and **Gene Lowe** (6-4) team with senior **R.H. Betts** (6-6) and soph **Steve Ebey** (6-4). Senior **Nat Bender** (6-7) and sophs **Gary Dinnel** and **Ron Whitehouse**, both 6-2, and **Paul Calhoun** (5-11) will see plenty of action.

PITTSBURGH (Independent) likes the prospect of playing as many home games as on the road with three starters back. Senior **Larry Szykowny** (6-1) and **Bob Lovett** (6-6) and junior **Jim La Valley** (6-6) all started together last season when the Panthers prowled the road most of the winter. Junior **Stan Falenski** (6-2) and soph **Ken Bollens** (6-4) complete the first five. The bench will be weak.

PORTLAND (Independent) has an interesting situation in that coach **Al Negratti** is working with one senior, **Ed Maerz** (6-4) and eight sophomores. Maerz offers the experience to anchor **Ed Clark** (6-3), **Paul Golden** and **Robert Herber**, both 5-11, **Charles Stroughter** (6-8) and **Jesse Perry** (6-7). They form the first six, and the reserves come from sophs **Fred Cavendall** (6-5), **Jack Patrina** (6-4) and **Bob Fitzgerald** (6-6). The frosh had a 16-7 record last season, with four hitting double-figure averages.

PRINCETON (Ivy) may be the most interesting team in the league. The Bengals are without super-star **Bill Bradley**. But back to defend the conference crown won for the past three seasons are seniors **Don Rodenbach** and **Bob Haarlow**, both 6-2, and juniors **Robby Brown** (6-9), **Gary Walters** (5-10) and **Ed Hummer** (6-6). The latter was a high school All-American and the most valuable sixth man in the league and would have been a starter with any other conference team. **Al Adler** and **Bill Koch**, both 6-3, are two juniors with experience, and **Larry Lucchino** (5-10), another junior, will aid the backcourt. Soph help comes from sharp-shooting **Joe Heiser** (6-2) and **John Haarlow** (6-7), the third of the Haarlow brothers out of Hinsdale, Ill., to play for the Tigers.

PROVIDENCE (Independent) has won 20 or more games for the past seven seasons and should easily reach that figure this winter with all of its starters back. The return of 6-8 **Bob Kovalski**, a senior who sat out a year, makes the Friars that much tougher. **Jim Walker**, a 6-3 junior and Dell All-American, makes the Friars tick with his great all-round play in directing seniors **Jim Benedict** (6-4) and **Bill Blair** (6-3) and junior **Mike Riordan** (6-3). Senior **Bill Lasher** (6-6) and juniors **Pete Mc Laughlin** (6-2) and **Steve Sarantopoulos** (6-1) back up the regulars. Juniors **Bill Barrett** (6-2), **Jim Schessler** (6-6) and **Dave Turbidity** (5-8) also make the Friars tough.

PURDUE (Big 10) is a tough stop for any team in the conference with the presence of **Dave Schellhase**, a 6-4 senior and Dell All-American. New coach **George King** has four players in contention to team with Schellhase in the other forward slot—seniors **Joe Jameson** (6-3) and **Steve O'Neill** (6-6), junior **Steve Cunningham** (6-3) and soph **Keith Berkey** (6-6). Senior **Doug Trudeau** (6-7) is center and soph **Denny Brady** (6-2), the leading frosh scorer, is manning one guard position. Juniors **Dave Johnson** (6-3) and **Bob Griese** (6-1) and soph **Bernie Conrad** (5-10) work at the other guard slot. Other promising sophs are **Hank Suerth** (6-6) and **Jim Krouse** (6-1).

RHODE ISLAND (Yankee) slipped to third place in the conference and would like to rebound. Coach **Ernie Calverley** hopes to do that with a senior-soph starting five. Back for their last varsity years are co-captains **Mike Fitzgerald** (6-3) and **Jim Cymbala** (5-11) and **Henry Carey** (5-11). Sophs in the starting lineup are **Art Stephenson** (6-4) and **Larry Johnson** (6-0). Other sophs who will help are **Steve Kopitko** and **Bob Knight**, both 6-4.

RICE (Southwest) had a green team last winter and the Owls figure the year's experience should pay dividends. **Doug Mc Kendrick** (6-5), one of the better players in the conference, leads a senior brigade that also includes **Travis Mc Cain** (6-4) and **Wiley Hall** (6-0). Juniors **Bill Doty** (6-6), **Marty Ivey** (6-4) and **Guy Lease** (6-1) complete the frontline cast along with sophs **Larry Miller** (6-3) and **Farrar Stockton** (6-7).

Tommy Molina (6-5) is another soph with possibilities.

RICHMOND (Southern) has experience, but still seems a year away from being a powerhouse in the conference. Soph **Mike Turner** (6-5) and junior **Tom Green** (6-6) give the Spiders a tall front court, with junior **Buster Batts** (6-8) at center. **Johnny Moats**, 6-1 junior and one of the top guards in the conference, leads a backcourt that includes junior **Billy Mc Cann** (6-0) and senior **Spike Welsh** (5-11). Turner averaged 15.6 ppg as a frosh and shows good potential.

RUTGERS (Independent) has an experienced backcourt, lost none of its players through graduation and a solid crop of sophomores. **Bob Lloyd** (6-1), who averaged 25 ppg, and **Jim Valvano** (6-1), a pair of juniors, give the Scarlet Knights a solid backcourt. Up front, seniors **Phil Robinson** (6-4), **Denny Earl** (6-1) and **Al Friedman** (6-3) return along with juniors **Doug Clark** (6-5). The sophomore help comes from **Rick Harley** (6-6), **Bob Budesca** (6-4), **Lou Goetz** (6-1) and **Jim Smith** (6-7). Goetz is a fine replacement for either Lloyd or Valvano, if needed, in the backcourt.

ST. BONAVENTURE (Independent) has senior **George Carter** (6-5) and sophomore **Bill Butler** (6-3) on its front line, with junior **Paul Stappenbeck** (6-8) at center. Seniors **Roger Bauer** (6-2) and **John Riley** (5-8) are in the backcourt. Carter, with a 17.5 ppg average, is the top scorer because of his second and third efforts under the rim. Juniors **Jeff Hazard** (6-4) and **Frank Satalin** (5-11) and sophs **Ed Ahearn** (6-4) and **Jim Satalin** (6-2), a brother of Frank, form the reserve corp.

ST. FRANCIS of NEW YORK (Metropolitan) looks to a stronger team with more offense. Coach **Danny Lynch** figures he will get a bigger offensive production from junior **Al Fisher** (6-1) and senior **Mark Turensine** (6-4). Junior **Gil Radday** and senior **Jack Crispi** (5-10) complete the first quintet along with soph **John Mc Mahon** (6-6). **Doug Smith** (6-3) is another fine soph.

ST. FRANCIS of Loretto, Pa. (Independent) has its best team in the last five years with greater speed, experience and defense and sufficient height. Juniors **John Fitzhenry** and soph **Gary Lupek**, both 6-7, are the 1-2 punch the Frankies have going for them in getting over the .500 mark that eluded them last season. Juniors **Bill Coyle** (6-1) and **John Mc Kendry** (6-2) and sophs **Jim Kuten** (6-7), **Len Murray** (6-5), **Sam Harris** (6-8) and **Pete Kowalewski** (6-4) are the other frontline performers.

ST. JOHN'S (Independent) hasn't got enough starting berths to accommodate the talent that **Lou Carnesecca** is guiding in his first season as head coach. Senior **Bob Duerr** (6-2), a starter for two seasons, is battling soph **Rudy Bogad** (6-7) for a spot in the lineup with senior **Bob Mc Intyre** (6-6) and juniors **Sonny Dove** (6-7), **Brian Hill** (5-11) and **Al Swarz** (5-10). Hill and Swarz, who quarterbacked the frosh team of two years ago to a 21-1 record, take over the backcourt that was wiped out through graduation. Other high-scoring sophs looking for work are **Jack Bettridge** (6-2), **Mike Rowland** (6-5) and **Kit Frey** (6-8).

ST. JOSEPH'S (Middle Atlantic) has so much experienced talent that the Hawks can't wait for another shot in post-season tournaments. Only complacency can stop the Hawks, and coach **Jack Ramsay** has been around too long to let that happen. The same balanced five that lost in the NCAA Eastern Regionals—seniors **Billy Oakes** (5-11), **Tom Duff** (6-5) and **Marty Ford** (6-6) and juniors **Cliff Anderson** (6-4) and **Matt Guorkas** (6-5)—are rarin' for another season. All scored in double figures to show the balance, not to mention the Hawks' pressing defense. Backing up the starters are seniors **Bob Brenner** (6-5), **Steve Chapman** (6-3) and **Bill Mc Fadden** (5-10) and juniors **Chuck Mc Ken-na** (6-7), **Dom Di Julia** (5-11) and **Al Grundy** (6-4). **Mike Kempinski** was the top scorer for a fine frosh team.

ST. LOUIS (Missouri Valley) lost plenty of firepower through graduation, but will be faster this season with a fine frontline group that includes five seniors, one junior and two sophomores. The seniors who represent the experience are: **Rick Rineberg** (6-1), **Sam Ulrich** (6-0), **Rich Parks**, (6-7), **Tom Carter** (6-6) and **Randy Albrecht** (6-2). Rineberg is the playmaker and will find junior **Bob Cole** (6-2) one of his favorite targets for scoring passes. Sophs breaking in are **Eugene Moore** (6-7), **John Davsko**, (6-1), **Dale Nieman** (6-4) and seven-footer **Rich Niemann**.

ST. PETER'S (Metropolitan) loses its All-Met forward, **Tim Kehoe**, who was the most accurate shooter in the country last winter, and with him goes a 20.2 ppg average. The Peacocks need scoring, and coach **Don Kennedy** hopes he can get it from seniors **Joe Bonner** (6-4), **Joe Repka** (6-3) and **Steve Day** (5-9) and junior **Richie Dreyer** (6-1). Sophs joining the varsity are **Pete O'Dea** (6-5), who may start; **Tom Mc Mahon** (6-2) and **Ken Grant** (6-1).

SAN FRANCISCO (WCAC) misses Dell All-American **Ollie Johnson**, but not enough to give up the conference crown without a fight. This fighting is being waged by four seniors—**Joe Ellis** (6-6), **Erwin Mueller** (6-10), **Russ Gumina** (6-2) and **Dick Brainard** (6-4)—and

junior **Larry Blum** (5-11). **Don Snyder** (6-4), a service all-American, is the best of the sophs that also include **Marc Jamison** (6-0) and **Dennis Black** (6-5). Tough schedule out of league early in campaign put the Dons in good stead to defend conference title.

SANTA BARBARA (WCAC) possesses an experienced starting unit and should get over the .500 mark, a goal the Gauchos missed last season with a 12-14 record. Seniors **Russ Banko** (6-5), **Dick Hallett** (6-7) and **Dan Cobb** (6-0) team with juniors **Howard Demmelair** (6-0) and **Dick Kolberg** (6-1). **Steve Rippe** (6-5) and **John Hiles** (6-6) are sophs who could crack the starting five, and **Dan Wood**, a second-year player who was red-shirted last season, is another valuable asset.

SANTA CLARA (WCAC) has a senior-laden team back from the club that tied for second in the conference and finished strongly. Of the seven lettermen, center **Rich Levitt** (6-6) and guards **Mike Gervasoni** (5-9), **Eric Paulson** (6-0) and **Mike Dooling** (6-1) are seniors. Junior forwards are **Larry Dunlap** (6-5), **Bob Stuckey** (6-4) and **Leo Steidl-mayer** (6-3). Top prospects from the frosh club that recorded a 20-1 record are **Bob Spence** (6-4), **Bob Heaney** (6-5), **Chris Dempsey** and **Bud Ogden**, both 6-6, and **Joe Diffley** (6-0).

SEATTLE (Independent) has all the ingredients for a good season with four juniors and one senior comprising the starting five. Reserve strength, however, will come chiefly from sophomores. **Tom Workman** and **Malkin Strong**, both 6-7 juniors, make the Chieftains tough up front. **Plummer Lott** (6-4) and **Elzie Johnson** (6-5) are the other two juniors who combine with senior **Jack Tebbs** (5-10). Top sophs are **Jim La Cour** (6-6), **John Wilkens** (6-4) and **Steve Looney** (6-1).

SETON HALL (Metropolitan) has three solid starters in seniors **Tony Cuccolo** (6-5) and **Charley Mitchel** (6-2) and junior **Terry Morawski** (6-5) and is looking for sophomore help. **Bill Somerset** (6-4), who sat out last year after a foot operation, and **Gerry Mackey** (6-1½) could supply that aid from the second-year players. Seniors **John Evers** (6-0) and **John Dunleavy** (6-3) will have to fight off the sophs' bids for starting assignments. Reserves will come from sophs **Don Gregory** (6-0) and **Brian Blake** (6-9) and juniors **Richie Westover** (6-3), **Vince Wright** (6-2) and **Denis Parvin** (5-10).

SOUTH CAROLINA (Atlantic Coast) more and more is showing the touch of Frank Mc Guire with a distinct flavor of Metropolitan New York players in the lineup. Two Brooklynites, **Jack Thompson** (6-1) and **Frank Standard** (6-4), combine with a third soph, **Skip Harlicka** (6-1), as starters. Junior **Al Salvadori** (6-9) and senior **John Schroeder** (6-6) round out the first quintet. The sophs have strengthened the backcourt, a weak spot last winter, but the Gamecocks will have to go some to make the higher echelons of the conference.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (AAWU) has a good, solid team, and JC transfers could make the Trojans great this winter. Senior **John Block** (6-9) showed fine improvement at center last winter and coach Forrest Twogood expects greater things from him now. Senior **Bill Westphal** (6-5½) and junior **Rod Aleman** (6-6) will play up front with Block unless a JC transfer breaks up this combination. Senior **Doug Bolcom** (6-4) anchors the backcourt with seniors **John Bacon** (6-2) and **Tony Oddo** (6-2) battling for the other guard spot. Here too, a JC player could step in. Seniors **Fred Cassidy** (6-2) and **Ron Shackelford** (6-4) provide bench strength along with sophs **Harvey Dillon** (6-0), **Mike Maggard** (6-5) and **Jim Marsh** (6-6).

SOUTHERN METHODIST (Southwest) had a taste of NCAA tournament play last March and would like another crack at it now that some of its starters have an added year of experience. Senior **Carroll Hooser** (6-7) is the lone senior starter on a squad that also includes juniors **Charles Beasley** (6-4), **Bob Begert** (6-6), **Denny Holman** (6-2) and **Bob Jones** (6-3). Hooser, Beasley and Holman were starters last season. No. 6 man for the Mustangs is 6-6 soph **John Higginbotham**.

STANFORD (AAWU) is one team that isn't conceding the conference crown to UCLA. It has a starting unit of four seniors and a record-breaking sophomore. **Bob Bedell** (6-6), **Jack Gilbert** (6-8), **Ray Kusanke** (6-9) and **Mike Preisler** (6-1) team with soph **Art Harris** (6-3). Senior **Bill Farley** (6-6) and junior **Rich Baker** (6-7), who was red-shirted last season, give the Indians a tall and solid reserve corp.

SYRACUSE (Independent) was the 'biggest disappointment in the East last season and the chief reason for the 13-10 record can be traced to the backcourt. This winter **Dave Bing** (6-3), a Dell All-American, will be in the backcourt with soph **Dick Cornwall** (5-11). Coach Fred Lewis hopes this combination can do the job. Juniors **Val Reid** (6-9) and **Rick Dean** (6-6) will play in the forecourt with senior **Jim Boehelm** (6-4). Soph **George Hicker** (6-3) could break into the starting lineup.

TEMPLE (Middle Atlantic) lost two players through graduation but still will field an experienced quintet and back up the first five with good sophs. Seniors **Jim Williams** (6-8) and **Ken Morgan** (6-6) team with juniors **Chris Kefalos** and **Joe Hindelang**, both 6-4, and **Don Cartwright** (5-10). **Clarence Brookins** (6-3), **Mike Kehoe** (5-11) and

Dick Davidson (6-5) are the sophs who will help. The Owls were inconsistent last season and coach Harry Litwack hopes his charges play up to their potential all the way.

TENNESSEE (Southeastern), in and out of the top 10 teams last winter, hopes to grab a spot in the upper echelon this season and stay there with **Ron Widby**, a 6-4 junior, showing the way. The Vols also would like to displace Vanderbilt on the top rung of the league with seniors **Howard Bayne** (6-5), **Red Robbins** (6-8) and **Larry McIntosh** (6-1) and junior **Bobby Jack Guinn** (6-2). Running coach Ray Mears' disciplined attack will be up to Quinn, a JC grad, or **Wes Coffman**. **Tom Boerwinkle** (6-11) is the top soph prospect.

TENNESSEE TECH (Ohio Valley) jumped to fourth place in the conference last winter and could go further despite losing its top scorer, **Charlie Wood**, through graduation. Seniors **Steve Hays** and **Ron Hobson**, both 6-0, and soph **Joe Hilson** (6-1) are the backcourt operators who will feed a fine frontline that includes 6-9 junior **Bill Carvell**, junior **Ron Filepek** (6-4) and soph **Henry Jordan** (6-3). The sophs should be real assets since they led the frosh to a 17-2 record.

TEXAS (Southwest) lost four frontliners through graduation, but still the Longhorns have not been completely decimated. Seniors **Paul Olivier** (6-3) and **Mickey White** (6-6) are the forwards, with soph **Gary Overbeck** (6-7) taking over at center. Junior **Mike Gammon** and soph **Billy Arnold**, both 6-2, handle the backcourt. Others contending for starting slots are junior **Minton White** (6-3), senior **Bob Itner** (6-4) and **Noel Stout** (6-3), a JC transfer.

TEXAS A. AND M. (Southwest) has a quintet built around 6-9 senior **John Beasley**, and his performance will tell how far the Aggies go. Beasley was the ninth leading scorer in the nation with 25.8 ppg. Teaming with him are seniors **Tim Timmerman** (6-7) and **Eddie Dominguez** (5-10) and junior **Dick Rector** (6-1), the only other starter returning besides Beasley. Sophs **Max Mainord** (6-5) and **Kent Andrews** (6-0) are bound to see a lot of action.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN (Southwest) has all five starters back. Senior **Gary Turner** (6-6), the No. 1 scorer and rebounder, leads the Horned Frogs' starting alignment that also consists of juniors **Rod Chitsey** (6-5), **Stan Farr** (6-9), **Rich Sauer** (6-3) and **Wayne Kreis** (5-10). Juniors **Garvin Isaacs** (5-11) and **Don Boyer** (6-7) and seniors **Jim Monroe** (5-11) and **Jim Torbert** (6-4) give the Frogs a strong bench. Top sophs are **Mickey McCarty** (6-5) and **Carey Sloan** (6-0), two of the best in the SWC frosh ranks last season. **Bill Holmes** (6-0), **Randy Kerth** (6-8), **Tommy Gowan** (6-1) and **Bob Thompson** (6-1) also are developing in their first seasons of varsity ball.

TEXAS TECH (Southwest) is scratching to retain its favorite's role in the conference despite graduation losses and the removal of senior **Norman Reuther** from the starting five. However, coach Gene Gibson has some fine talent in seniors **Dub Malaise** (5-11) and **Russ Wilkinson** (6-4), juniors **Dave Olsen** (6-5), **Bob Measels** (6-3) and **Bill Tapp** (6-3) and sophs **Bob Glover** (6-7) and **Vernon Paul** (6-7). Other soph talent is available, but may be held out for a year.

TEXAS WESTERN (Independent) has made post-season tourneys the past three years and could do it again with a quintet composed of two seniors, two sophs and one junior. The seniors are **Harry Flournoy** (6-6) and **Orsten Artis** (6-1), while the lone junior starting is **Nevil Shed** (6-8). The long and short of a fine soph situation is 6-7 **Dave Lattin** and 5-9 **Willie Worsley**. Juniors **Bobby Hill** (5-10) and **Lou Boudoin** (6-7), senior **Jerry Armstrong** (6-5) and soph **Willie Cager** (6-5) back up the frontliners.

TOLEDO (Mid-American) starts out under new coach **Bob Nichols** with three seniors, two juniors and three sophs as the chief talent. Seniors **Bob Aston** (6-8) and **John Ayling** (6-4) and junior **Bill Backensto** (6-3) all averaged in double figures. Junior **Leonard Le Pla** and senior **Box Mix**, both 6-7, figure prominently, as do sophs **Aaron Hopkins**, **Don White** and **Bill Babione**, all 6-1.

TULANE (Southeastern) endured a rebuilding year last season with a 3-22 record, and coach **Ralph Pedersen** feels his Green Wave starting contingent of one senior and four juniors has absorbed some valuable experience. O. J. La Cour (6-0) is the lone senior, surrounded by juniors **Craig Spitzer** (7-1), **Al Andrews** (6-0), **John Schweers** (6-2) and **Mike Mucklin** (6-7). **Mitch Urbanski**, **Dan Moeser** and **Jim Howes**, all 6-5, are the top sophs. Urbanski averaged 22 ppg for the frosh.

UCLA (AAWU) guns for an unprecedented third national championship minus the incomparable **Gail Goodrich**, a Dell All-American, and **Keith Erickson**, the safetyman in the Bruins' pressing defense, but coach **Johnny Wooden** can't qualify for assistance from the anti-poverty campaign. He has juniors **Edgar Lacey** (6-6) and **Mike Lynn** (6-7) and seniors **Freddie Goss** (6-1), **Kenny Washington** (6-3), **Doug McIntosh** (6-6) and **Bruce Chambers** (6-1). Either Chambers or Lynn will win the fifth starting berth, with soph **Mike Warren** (5-11) trying to break into the act. Warren is a flashy player and could develop into another **Goodrich**, who topped all scorers with 24.8 ppg. No one is shedding any tears for the Bruins, who have one of their finest frosh clubs.

UTAH (Western Athletic) lacks a big man for the post position and may develop one from JC ranks. Seniors **Jerry Chambers** and **George Fisher**, both 6-4, and **Rich Tate** (6-0) and **Joe Day** (6-1) form the basis of any optimism. Sophs **Lyndon MacKay** and **Jeff Ockel**, both 6-7, and **Merv Jackson** and **Gene Lake**, both 6-2, give the Redskins a good but inexperienced bench.

UTAH STATE (Independent) has lost much of its scoring punch and is stressing defense and a more balanced attack with a junior-senior combination. Seniors **Larry Angle** (6-5), **Myron Long** (5-11) and **Mickey Dittbrand** (6-1) team with juniors **Steve Roth** (6-10), **Alan Parrish** (6-8), **Hal Hale** (6-0), **Clarence (Lum) Jones** (6-1) and **Pete Ennenga** (6-7). **Dick Wade** (5-11) is the top soph and JC transfers are also bidding for starting slots.

VANDERBILT (Southeastern) went all the way in the conference last season and has enough talent, starting with **Clyde Lee**, a Dell All-American, to repeat. Lee, at 6-9, was one of the best big men in the country with a 22.5 average. Seniors **Keith Thomas** (6-3) and **Ron Green** (6-6) and juniors **Jerry Southwood** (6-2) and **Kenny Gibbs** (6-6) give the Commodores a sound starting five. **Bo Wyenandt** (6-4) is a stickout soph.

VERMONT (Yankee) has a new coach in Art Loche and his task is to catapult the Catamounts out of a fifth-place tie in the conference. Missing from the scene is the graduated **Ralph D'Altilla**, who had a 20 ppg average. Seniors **Layne Higgs** (6-2) and **Milt Goggans** (6-4) and juniors **Bruce Hanna** and **Bill Schmidt**, both 6-0, combine with soph **Bill Librera** (6-3) on the starting five. Sophs **Bruce Lombard** (6-0) and **Sandy McLeod** (6-4) could help.

VILLANOVA (Independent) may take a dip after two outstanding seasons, but coach Jack Kraft's teams are never a soft touch. Senior **Bill Melchionni** (6-1), one of the best guards in the East, anchors a Wildcat lineup that also has **Bill Soens**, 6-8 junior; **Bernie Schaffer**, 6-5 senior; **Joe Crews**, 6-4 soph, and **Pete Coleman**, 5-11 junior. Coleman's eligibility is a question mark.

VIRGINIA (Atlantic Coast) will be playing in its new 9,000-seat University Hall with a sophomore-dominated team, which will be buoyed by junior **Jim Connelly** (6-3). Connelly led the team in scoring with an 18.3 ppg average and will have to carry the brunt of the attack until the sophs become acclimated. The sophs include **John Schroeder** (6-8), **Buddy Reams** (6-5), **Mike Katos** (6-5), **John Naponick** (6-10) and **Jeff Crackel** (6-3). Senior **Jerry Sanders** (6-4) will be a steadying influence.

VIRGINIA MILITARY (Southern) suffered heavy graduation losses, with Capt. **Joe Kruszewski**, **Jeff Gausepohl** and **John Prosser** gone, but coach Gary McPherson has a first five of three seniors and two juniors. Senior **Jack Hartung** (6-8) is flanked by **Charlie Schmaus**, a 6-3 senior, and **Bobby Ayres**, a 6-4 junior. Junior **Robin Porter** (5-10) and senior **Jackie Cooper** (6-2) complete the starting five. Schmaus was All-Southern Conference the last two years and scored at an 18.1 clip last season. **John Kemper** (5-10) and **Steve Powers** (6-6), who had good frosh seasons, will aid the bench.

VIRGINIA TECH (Independent) has an experienced crew on hand in seniors **John Wetzel** (6-4) and **John Whitesell** (6-7½) and juniors **Bob King** (6-10½), **Ron Perry** (6-3) and **Buddy Martin** (5-10). With four returnees in double figures, Tech will have good scoring, and better rebounding. Sophs **Glenn Combs** (6-2), who could crack the starting lineup, **Wayne Mallard** (6-4), **Ted Ware** (6-5) and **Dan Wetzell** (6-9) are the chief reserves.

WAKE FOREST (Atlantic Coast) has the talent to go over the .500 mark, a goal the Deacons didn't achieve last season. Senior **Bob Leonard** (6-2), No. 2 scorer in the conference, and junior **Paul Long** (6-2), a transfer from Virginia Tech, give the Deacons a solid backcourt, with juniors **Jim Boshart** and **Clark Pool**, both 6-5, and soph **Dave Stroup** (6-6) up front. Senior **Dick Myers** (5-9) is a hustling type player and a definite asset in the already strong backcourt. JC help also has raised the Deacons' hopes.

WASHINGTON STATE (AAWU) has a formidable soph brigade plus four starters from last season. Juniors **Randy Stoll** (6-7) and **Bud Norris** (6-4) and seniors **Dennis Kloke** (6-3) and **Tom Tommervik** (5-11) are the returnees who will have to fight off the soph contingent, which is headed by **Ray Stein** (5-11). Besides Stein, a prep all-American two years ago, **Blaine Ellis** (6-7) and **Jim McKean** (6-9) are sophs who figure prominently. Other second-year players are **John Nebel** (6-5), **Doug Kloke** (6-1) and **Bill Flynn** (6-2).

WASHINGTON (AAWU) has experience and some height to go with it as the Huskies bid for the crown. Junior **Gordon Harris** (6-10) and senior **Bruce Brickner** (6-7) represent the height. Other frontline players include seniors **Steve Olsen** (6-1), **Jim Herman** (6-2), **Bob Johnson** (6-3) and **Henry Mathews** (6-2) and junior **Dave Hovde** (6-6). Sophs **Lance Brigham** (6-4), **Dave Carr** (6-3), **Doug Westlake** (6-1) and **Bob Wurster** (6-6) make the Huskies tough.

WEBER STATE (Big Sky) isn't worrying about repeating its 74 line 22-3 record of last winter, just being successful in defense of its

conference crown. Center **Gene Visscher** (6-6) and guard **Jerry Trice** (6-3), all-conference seniors, lead the starting quintet that also includes junior **Greg Harrop** (6-2) and seniors **Eddie Tillman** (6-3) and **Bob Belka** (6-6). Senior **Frank Hitchens** (6-0) backs up the backcourt operators and 6-6 transfer **Roger Crockett** is another asset. Best of the sophs is **Ted Bryant** (6-6). Other JC assistance is expected.

WESTERN KENTUCKY (Ohio Valley) will be in the thick of the conference race again through the return of juniors **Clem Haskins** (6-3) and **Dwight Smith** (6-4) and several good sophomores. Senior **Steve Cunningham** (6-5) also will help stabilize the strong soph crop that includes **Greg Smith** (6-5½), **Wayne Chapman** (6-5) and **Butch Kaufman** (5-9). Chapman is a transfer from Kentucky and only experience is holding him back, while Kaufman, who averaged 17.8 ppg as frosh, will be hard to keep out of the starting lineup. **Norm Weaver** (6-5) is another soph with good credentials.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (Mid-American) is breaking three sophs into its starting lineup, and this could be troublesome. Otherwise, the Broncos are strong and building, led by seniors **Bob Blohm** (5-10) and **Willie Thomas** (6-5). Second-year players starting are **Reggie Lacefield** (6-7), **Gene Ford** (6-5) and **Philander White** (6-1). Seniors **John Scholtens** (6-8) and **Bill Coole** (6-5) and junior **Charlie Washington** (6-5) join sophs **Tom Cook** (6-4), **Al Alston** (6-2) and **Joe Kramer** (6-0) as reserves.

WEST TEXAS STATE (Independent) has a fine blend of talent, headed by senior **Gail Simpson** (6-0). He is the mainspring of coach **Jimmy Viramontes'** offense, directing seniors **Joe McWilliams** (5-9), **Marv Mitchell** (6-2) and **Cal Taylor** (6-7). Rebounding help comes from sophs **Jack Johnson** (6-7), **Rondy Williams** (6-6) and **Wally Franklin** (6-0). Junior **Mickey Flitts** (6-5) is another good board man. JC graduates who are assets are **Tom Carter** (6-3) and **Bill Reeves** (6-4).

WEST VIRGINIA (Southern) hopes to bounce back from its first losing season in 21 years with three sophs and two seniors in new coach **Bucky Waters'** lineup. Seniors **John Leshner** (6-5), the lone starter back, and **Bob Benfield** (6-8) team with second-year players **Ron Williams** and **Jim Lewis**, both 6-3, and **Dave Reaser** (6-6). **Carl Head** (6-4), a JC All-American, and seniors **John Cavacini** (6-3) and **Gary Shaffer** (5-10) also are assets. The Mountaineers, who have won the conference crown nine of the past 11 years, want another shot in the NCAA tournament.

WICHITA (Missouri Valley) was rocked in the NCAA tourney last season, finishing in the runner-up slot in the conference's post-season this winter. Senior **John Criss** (5-10) and juniors **Jamie Thompson** (6-3) and **Mel Reed** (6-5) are the only other experienced players, and a lot will depend on sophs **Warren Armstrong** (6-2) and **Ron Washington** (6-5). Armstrong is the best soph prospect since Dell All-American **Dave Stallworth** and Washington averaged 26 ppg as a frosh.

WILLIAM and MARY (Southern) meshed well at the end of last season, finishing in the runner-up slot in the conference's post-season tournament. Juniors **Ben Pomeroy** (6-6) and **Lew Ollice** (6-7) are back with seniors **Walt Wenk** (6-1), **Larry Paffrath** (6-4) and **Tim Walter** (6-4). Sophs **Jim Rama** (6-6) and **Ron Panneton** (6-3) are causing a stir and may cost a couple of last year's starters their jobs.

WISCONSIN (Big 10) figures to move up in the conference standings because of the veteran talent available. Five seniors—**Mark Zubor** (6-6), **Ken Barnes** and **Ken Gustafson**, both 6-3, **Dave Roberts** (6-5) and **Paul Morenz** (6-0)—start the experience, and juniors **Dennis Sweeney** (6-1), **Keith Stelter** (6-8) and **Tom Schoeneck** (6-9) add some height. **Robb Johnson** and **Joe Franklin**, both 6-5, are sophs who aid the forecourt, and sophs **Mike Carlin** (6-1) and **Jim McCallum** (6-3) are backcourt assets.

WYOMING (Western Athletic) will have improved rebounding and a stronger bench despite the loss through graduation of **Flynn Robinson**, the greatest scorer in the Pokes' history. Seniors **Dick Sherman** (6-4), **Leon Clark** (6-6) and **Gordy Westhoff** (6-1) along with junior **Tom Asbury** (6-5) and soph **Mike Eberle** (6-0) shape up as the starting five now, but **Bill Strannigan** is bound to make changes because of his strong soph contingent. **Kent Collins** (6-6) and **Kent Johnson** (6-7) are the sophs who will get a good look before the season gets very old.

XAVIER (Independent) was plagued with misfortune last season, namely the knee injury suffered by **Steve Thomas**, and figures to make up for it this winter. Thomas, a 6-0 senior and great scorer, is eligible for one semester and could give the Musketeers a good start toward a tournament bid in the first 18 games. Senior **Bryan Williams** (6-5), junior **Jim Hengehold** (6-3) and sophs **Bob Quick** (6-6) and **Jim Lacey** (6-8) round out the starting five. Thomas, improved scoring and the sophs are three reasons the Musketeers are going to bounce back.

YALE (Ivy) will be a trouble spot for any of the three top contenders for the conference crown, with three seniors and three juniors providing the experience. Capt. **Bert Broadfoot** (6-0) leads the senior brigade that also includes **Tom McCaffrey** (6-4) and **Sam Caldwell** (6-1). Top junior players include **Rick Johnson** (6-4), **Howie Dale** (5-11) and **Leighton Longhi** (6-5). Up from the undefeated frosh club (13-0) are **Dick Stoner** (6-1) and **Ed Goldstone** (6-4).

CAZZIE RUSSELL

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the decisive basket, George Pomey gets another key basket—and as for Russell, he scores eight of his 40 points in the overtime!

Unlike Bill Bradley, to whom he was compared so often, Russell never will attend Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar when he finishes Michigan this spring. He never will achieve Bradley's position as an all-round athletic-academic demigod, an undergraduate legend.

But Russell has his own style of versatility. He is a budding sports announcer with a campus network show, a vanquished politician, a choir boy on Sunday, a comedian, a devoted baseball nut and proud possessor of a pair of Oscar Robertson's old basketball shoes. He lugs an overstuffed briefcase with him on roadtrips. Inside are a sports magazine, a half-dozen daily sports sections, an anatomy textbook and a bottle of soda pop.

"And next, Michigan, the team everybody's shooting for, will play those Purdue Boilermakers, the team that hopes to be the Spoiler-makers..." This is Russell, the sportscaster, spilling into an imaginary hand microphone in the locker room. His basketball uniform is still on and moments before he'd finished scoring 40 points against Michigan State.

"Vote for Cazzie Russell," read the campaign handbills prior to the campus election. Russell lost his bid to become an undergraduate member of Michigan's athletic board. A sportswriter on the college daily received more votes.

There was the aftermath of the game at Indiana when Michigan, still unbeaten in the Big Ten and No. 1 in the polls, was at the edge of defeat.

"We're No. 1, we're No. 1," thundered the Indiana fans with their team seven points ahead in the final minute and a certain victor.

"Yeh, they were No. 1 for 30 seconds," said Cazzie Russell after his free throws won it in the second overtime.

There was the shock and embarrassment after the near-loss to one man, Princeton's Bradley from the snickered-at Ivy League. The after-effects lingered more than an hour when Strack summoned his players around him in the lobby of their New York motel.

"We're going to the stock exchange in the morning," said the coach.

"Why me?" said Russell, product of one of those teeming housing developments on Chicago's South Side. "I don't have any stocks."

The Wolverines erupted in laughter. Russell again had broken the tension.

Russell, turned 21 as he enters his senior season, cared only for baseball until he was 14 and a freshman at Chicago's Carver High School. The discovery of basketball was pure happenstance. One day Cazzie, then 6-1, was in his gym class conducted by Larry Hawkins, the basketball coach.

"Mr. Hawkins asked me to drive for the basket," said Russell, describing the turning point of his athletic life. "I did and pushed the ball hopefully against the backboard. The ball went in



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and he asked me to come out for the frosh-soph team."

The next season, at 15, Russell participated in his first organized basketball. Four years later he was chosen on several All-America teams as a sophomore at Michigan.

That day in February, 1959, when Russell drove in for his first basket in Hawkins' gym class, the best college player in the land was Oscar Robertson. Russell, in his desire to learn basketball, imitated Robertson.

"I suppose I did pattern myself after Oscar," said Russell, who's a half-inch taller at 6-5½ and 13 pounds heavier at 218 than Robertson. "I watched what he does with the ball. Whenever I get the chance, I still watch him. Or I listen to his games on the radio. Oscar's a triple threat—he scores, he passes and he rebounds. And he can shoot free throws, too. It's nice if you're capable of doing those things and excelling in all of them."

Robertson had graduated to the Cincinnati Royals when Russell had developed the potential to excel, too, as a college player. The University of Cincinnati wanted Russell and alumnus Robertson was assigned a recruiting mission.

"Oscar gave me a pair of his basketball shoes when I was visiting colleges the spring of my senior year in high school," Russell said. "I wore them on the playgrounds that summer and went on a rampage. I still have them. But I decided to go to Michigan. I watched

them on television. It looked like a team that needed help."

Russell's value as a pro, like Robertson's, will be in the backcourt—as a playmaker who can maintain a high scoring average. He's gifted with peripheral vision and it helps his feeding.

"Whenever I go into a room," said Russell, "I try to see all the people there without turning my head. If it's full of people, I try to stare straight ahead and count them. It's like I can see out of the sides of my head. This took practice, but on the basketball court I can come down the floor and see the other nine players in one glance. I think it's great to be able to see somebody cutting for the basket and hit him at the last second."

"Oscar Robertson has vision like that."

The idea of Russell playing pro basketball next year hasn't really thrilled him as much as it has some of the clubs envisioning him as a pro.

"Pro ball doesn't appeal to me that much," he said. "I don't know about all that travel. Bill Russell got sick last year. But I suppose I'll play it."

The Detroit Pistons will be heartbroken if they don't get Russell. They've been yearning for years to be able to market a nationally renowned local college player. The Pistons, with the territorial draft abolished, already have begged the NBA for special concessions allowing them to claim Russell. Owner Fred Zollner made the mercy appeal personally and was turned down.

Predicting the 1966 Pro Bonus-Babies

College Football's 11 Most Wanted Players

By DAVE ANDERSON

■ Tommy Nobis, the University of Texas linebacker, swooped across the field and lowered his head. His shoulder pad buried itself in the chest of an opposing halfback. The snap on the halfback's chinstrap popped open and his helmet flew off. Three-yard loss.

This is the way Tommy Nobis plays football. And this is why he looms as the big-money bonus-baby of this year's pro football draft. "Better than Butkus"—that's what several pro football scouts say about the six-foot-two, 240-pound anchorman of the Texas team. Last year, Dick Butkus, then an All-America linebacker at the University of Illinois, signed with the Chicago Bears for an estimated \$200,000. Some say it was more. This year, Nobis *will* get more. He is *the* player the pros want most. Especially the New York Jets. The Jets shelled out

\$400,000 a year ago for quarterback Joe Namath. This year their target is Nobis. Which means the Jets will outbid any NFL team for him. All the Jets need is the AFL negotiation rights.

The All-America teams don't fool the pro scouts. Some of the top players are on them. Nobis, for example. But there are several top pro prospects who won't receive All-America honors. From a survey of pro football scouts DELL SPORTS herewith presents the 11 college players most wanted by the NFL and AFL teams.

But first, more on Tommy Nobis. "He is something special," says Namath, who remembers Nobis from the Texas goal-line stand against Alabama in the final seconds of last season's Orange Bowl game. "He'll make a great pro." Among the Texas players, Nobis is thought of as a "killer" tackler.

"Off the field," says a teammate, "he's the quietest, nicest guy you'd ever want to meet, but in a football uniform, he'll tear your head off." He also has size and speed, which the pros demand.

In spring practice earlier this year, Nobis swung out to the right sideline to make a tackle, and on the next play he made the tackle on the left sideline. Somebody shrugged and said, "Well, it was only a spring game." But one of the assistant coaches at Texas replied, "I know, but it was the only game we had that day."

Homer Norton, the former coach at Texas A&M, calls Nobis "the best player of the post-war era." One reason for such a tribute is that Nobis *wants* to be the best. "He has great desire," says Texas coach Darrell Royal, "and if he played offensive guard as a pro, he'd soon be the best in the busi-

TOM NOBIS

Texas Linebacker

ness." But middle linebacker figures to be his position in the pros. The middle linebacker is the "quarterback" of the defensive unit. And middle linebacker has become a glamor position. So much so that Nobis has a chance to become the first lineman ever to win the Heisman Trophy awarded annually to the outstanding college player.

Of all his statistics, however, perhaps the most impressive is his neck size. "Oh, it's about 18," he said one day but somebody measured and it was 19½. "I do a lot of work to build up my neck," he says with a smile. "Your first contact usually is with your head. Especially on the goal line when your man on the other team gets close to the ground and you're both really gutting it." Soon the NFL and the AFL will be "gutting it" to sign Tommy Nobis.



HENRY DYER

Grambling Fullback

In recent years, little Grambling (La.) College has produced 27 pro players. Last season five Tigers were drafted by NFL and AFL teams, notably 280-pound defensive tackle Alphonse Dotson of the Kansas City Chiefs. This season there is another group of pro prospects at Grambling, notably defensive tackle Frank Cornish at 285 pounds and offensive guard Willie Young at 250. But pro scouts claim fullback Henry Dyer is the best prospect at this small Negro college in the Bayou country. Dyer weighs 230, the proper size for a pro fullback. He has speed, running the 100-yard dash in 10 flat. He has pass-blocking ability, which the pros demand in a fullback. And he has the knack of crossing the goal-line. As a junior, he was the nation's leading small-college scorer with 110 points. "Getting that tough yardage," says one pro scout, "is something you can't teach a boy. He either knows how to grind it out or he doesn't." Henry Dyer knows how. Soon the pros will reward his knowledge with a lucrative contract.



JIM GRABOWSKI

Illinois Fullback

Few fullbacks have had better college credentials for the pros than Jim Grabowski of the University of Illinois. He not only plays in the tough Big Ten, but he sets records in the tough Big Ten. He set a record last season, for example, with 239 yards rushing against Wisconsin. The previous record had been set by the legendary Red Grange and it had lasted 40 years. If Grabowski is half as good as Grange, he'll be a big star in the pros. At 6-2 and 215, he could use a few more pounds, although Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers has survived at that weight. Survived rather sensationally, too. Grabowski has shown he can come up for a "big game," too, which is an intangible the pros like. In the Rose Bowl two years ago, Grabowski was named "player of the game" after gaining 125 yards and scoring a touchdown in a 17-7 victory over Washington. And he was merely a sophomore then. He's a senior now and a sure first-round choice in both the NFL and AFL drafts.

LARRY GAGNER

Florida Linebacker

Most of the All-America honors at middle linebacker will go to Tommy Nobis of Texas. And the pros will draft Nobis immediately. But there is another middle linebacker who will be drafted quickly, too. He is Larry Gagner of the University of Florida and he has the credentials—6-3, 250 and 4.7. The 4.7 is his time for the 40-yard dash. That's the pro distance—the one at which every player is timed in training camp. The reasoning is that 40 yards is about the most a player ever will have to run flat-out. Gagner's 4.7 time is remarkable. Only a few of the speedy pass-catchers run it much faster than that. In addition to his speed, Gagner enjoys contact, and that's the name of the game for a middle linebacker. With his size and speed, it's also possible he'll be drafted as an offensive guard. Either way, he's a high-priority player.



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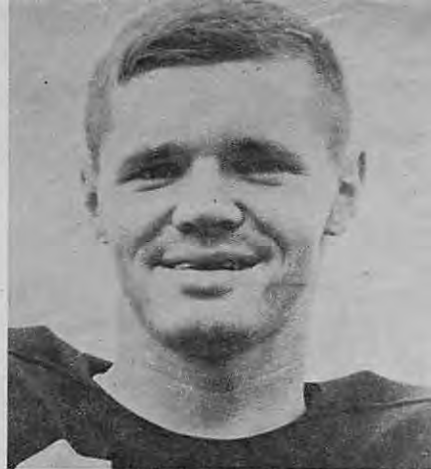
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GARY SNOOK

Iowa Quarterback

This is not a good year for quarterbacks. Last year there were five high-priced passers: Joe Namath and John Huarte of the New York Jets, Craig Morton and Jerry Rhome of the Dallas Cowboys, Steve Tensi of the San Diego Chargers. This year Gary Snook of the University of Iowa is the best pro prospect. At 6-1 and 181, he's tall enough, but the pros will want to fatten him up a little. They won't touch his arm, though. He is a drop-back quarterback who seldom runs—just what the pros want. Overlooked in most of the pre-season All-America teams, the pros know all about him. "He's the only quarterback who looks like the real thing," says one NFL scout. "He'll be drafted quick and get a lot of money." Barring injury, he should hold almost all the Big Ten passing records by the end of the current season.



BILL YEARBY

Michigan Tackle

Bill Yearby of the University of Michigan will be named to several All-America teams as a defensive tackle. But the pros will draft Yearby to play tight end. In the Big Ten, the 6-3 Yearby is a terror at tackle. But he is only 230 pounds. That's not big enough to play defense in the pros except maybe as a linebacker. But the pros know all about Yearby's talent as a pass-catcher and blocker. As a freshman at Michigan, he was blueprinted as an end. But the Wolverines had an abundance of pass-catchers. They needed tackles. So Yearby shifted positions. As a pro, however, he will return to tight end. He is rated the best tight end pro prospect to come out of the Big Ten since Ron Kramer, another Michigan All-American, joined the Green Bay Packers several years ago. Kramer now is with the Detroit Lions. Yearby not only is big and fast enough for tight end, he is a leaper who will outmuscle defensive backs and catch the ball.

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◀ **STAN HINDMAN**

Mississippi Guard

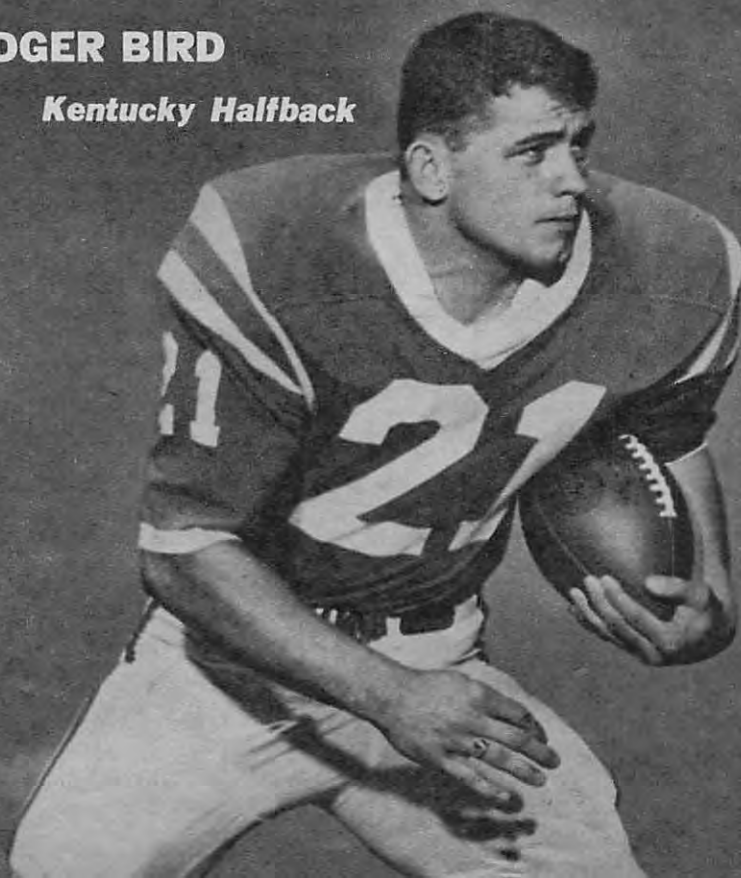
Offensive guards usually get lost in the shuffle in college football. The backs and the pass-catchers and a few defensive players dominate the headlines. But the pros appreciate an offensive guard. In the pros a talented offensive guard is a rare jewel. The offensive guard must be able to block the huge defensive tackles. This season there is an offensive guard at the University of Mississippi who is rated a sure star in either the NFL or AFL. His name is Stan Hindman and he won't have to wait long to find out which pro team has drafted him. He is 6-3 and 230 and he may need a few more pounds for the pros. But he has speed and the pros demand that because a guard must move quickly when he pulls out of the line to lead a sweep play. The tipoff on Hindman is that he was a first-stringer at Ole Miss when he was a sophomore. Usually you have to wait until your senior year to crack the first team. In the pros, he'll be a first-stringer right away, too.

The University of Kentucky is loaded with pro prospects. Such as quarterback Rick Norton and pass-catcher Rick Kestner. But the Wildcat the pros want most is halfback Rodger Bird. He's not too big at 5-11 and 195. "But," says an AFL player-personnel director, "he's big enough and he's certainly good enough." As a pro, Bird might be tested at either of three positions: running halfback, flanker-back or defensive back. As a runner, he could develop into the breakaway

back every pro team wants and so few have. He also would be a threat on the pass-run option play. As a pass-receiver, he has speed and moves. As a defensive back, he has all the equipment, too. His coach, Charlie Bradshaw, says Bird "has the speed, the strength, the quickness, the body-balance and control, the finesse, the experience and the mental attitude to be the best college back in the nation this year." And in time, possibly, to be one of the best backs in the pros.

RODGER BIRD

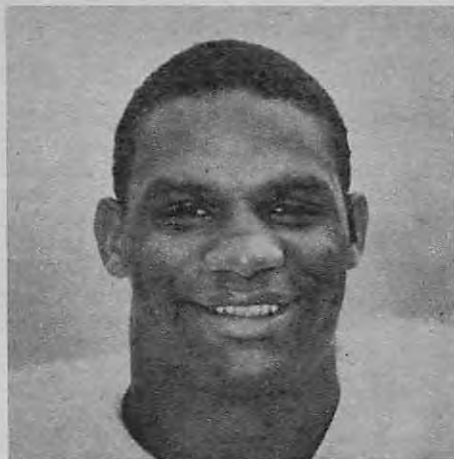
Kentucky Halfback



DONNY ANDERSON

Texas Tech Halfback

Donny Anderson of Texas Tech was drafted as a "future" choice last season. Now it's a matter of money. And the price will go high on this rugged runner and left-handed passer. The Green Bay Packers rated him so highly they used their *first-round* choice to draft him last year. The Houston Oilers also drafted him quickly. The Oilers outbid the Packers last year for pass-catcher Lawrence Elkins of Baylor, and the year before that for halfback Ode Burrell of Mississippi State. The Packers also lost their second-round choice last year, defensive tackle Alphonse Dotson, to the KC Chiefs. So the Packers can't afford to lose another top prospect—especially after using a first-round choice to get him. Anderson's contract could soar to \$200,000, a record for a running back. The Packers have him blueprinted as the replacement for Paul Hornung on the pass-run option play. The Oilers will be selling him on remaining in Texas. All Donny Anderson has to do is watch the price go up.



MIKE GARRETT

So. California Halfback

Some pro scouts claim that Mike Garrett, at 5-9 and 185, just isn't big enough for the pros. Maybe not. But the University of Southern California halfback might be good enough. And enough pro teams will want to find out for themselves and Garrett will be an early choice in both the NFL and AFL drafts. Garrett probably is not big enough to be a running halfback in the pros. But he might be a flanker back. Or a defensive back. And he surely will be a kick-return runner. He is rated one of the best breakaway backs in the history of Pacific Coast college football. And another USC halfback of a few years ago, Jon Arnett, was rated too small, too, until he made it big with the LA Rams. The pro football teams might be scared away by Garrett's major league baseball offers. But football has been his best game. And he'll probably want to give it a try in the pros. The pros will be glad to oblige.



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At Tulsa University, the emphasis is on offense. This is a holdover from last season when quarterback Jerry Rhome set all those passing records. This year the glamor boys at Tulsa are pass-catcher Howard Twilley and halfback Bob Daugherty. But the pro scouts can't get their binoculars off a defensive tackle named Willie Townes. Actually, their binoculars aren't big enough to see all of Willie

Townes all at once. Willie is 6-4 and 275 and that's the size the pros demand at defensive tackle. In addition, he has the speed which is necessary. At Tulsa, he is being touted as a candidate for the Outland Trophy awarded to the nation's outstanding lineman. But he doesn't have to be touted to the pro scouts. They know all about him. All they need are bigger binoculars.

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height is so obviously an advantage, players who are more than six and a half feet tall may be respected, admired, envied, honored and appreciated, but they don't generate the emotional involvement that makes a fan feel "that's ME out there."

Cousy did that. At 6-1, he was actually much taller than the average man, but among the giants on a basketball court, he seemed like a small man, and his triumph was the normal-sized human's triumph.

West is a lot taller than Cousy. He's 6-3. But again, by comparison and by assignment (to backcourt), he's a "small" man. He's only an inch shorter than Baylor—but Elgin, because he plays front court and because of his tremendous strength and rebounding ability, is classified as "a big man" in the fan's mind. By the same trick of perspective, he seems bigger than he is, just as West seems smaller than he is.

There's one other player, whose name has been linked with West's since college days, who is also "only" 6-5 and who does play backcourt: Oscar Robertson, of Cincinnati. Many people consider Oscar the most talented basketball player of all—but for that very reason, Oscar misses arousing a full-scale sense of identity in "average" on-lookers. Oscar is so effortless so often under the basket, so obviously able to hold his own among the giants, so all-fired perfect, that one is awed rather than involved.

All right, then. West is hot stuff. Why? How?

Here again he is in tune with the average man. Jerry does three things all basketball players strive to do at all times: shoot, move, and concentrate. The only difference is one of degree. He does them at an unbelievable peak of efficiency.

His most important single asset is shooting ability. It has two aspects, accuracy and range. Because he can hit the mark so often, his "good shots"—shots from a position where his chance of scoring is very high—are more numerous than for most players. And because he can find his own good shots at distances up to 30 feet from the basket, he can always manage to get free for a shot.

His marksmanship is truly remarkable. Statistics concerning this need some interpretation. Most centers and other big men approach a .500 field goal attempt percentage these days, because most of their attempts are from point-blank range. Some small men who seldom shoot outside, but attempt to score only on layups off a drive, also can make half their shots. Ordinarily, however, a backcourt man operating at normal ranges, depending on jump shots, sets and occasional drives, is doing fine if he makes one-third of his shots.

West, last year, shot .497 from the

floor. Only Wilt Chamberlain, Walt Bellamy and Jerry Lucas did better, and only a shade better at that. Put another way, Jerry was good for a point every time he shot.

The same soft touch and guided-missile accuracy make him an outstanding foul shooter, with an .821 percentage, and this becomes important in two ways: because he's so sure, it doesn't pay to foul him, and he gets a disproportionate share of three-pointers; and because he's so good under stress, his free throws take on added value in the closing moments of a game, when fouling increases and games are won or lost on the foul line.

West's shooting ability is so great, in fact, that he has made "gunning" respectable in his case. It took him his whole rookie year to realize that he was supposed to take all shooting opportunities as a pro. He was, at first, reluctant to shoot too much. No one suggests, even in jest, that he shoots too much today—even though only half a dozen players in the league shoot as much. (There is an interesting comparison with Baylor, his teammate. Last year, Baylor took 247 more shots than West, and scored 283 fewer points—and Baylor still wound up with the fourth best scoring average in the league, 27.1 points per game. West, with 31 per game, was second only to Chamberlain's 34.7).

But accuracy, no matter how great, can't come into play during intense competition against top-level opposition unless the shooter can get free. Here we come to West's second great asset, quickness. This isn't the same as running speed; it's quickness of hand, and quickness of first step in beginning a movement. West is so good at these things, and at timing his jump, that no one can cover him effectively man-to-man; and while a big man who can't be covered individually is subject to gang-defense tactics, a backcourt man can't be.

A defender can't play too close to West, because Jerry can drive past him if he does. A defender can't give him the usual freedom beyond 25 feet, because West can hit from out there.

Fast and accurate at all times, West comes to a peak in clutch situations. His last-minute heroics are legend, built as much on his ability to steal passes or deflect dribbles as on the baskets or free throws that follow. Fred Schaus, who coached Jerry at West Virginia and has coached him ever since at Los Angeles, says he has never seen a greater clutch player, and countless basketball people agree with him.

This quality is a direct result of Jerry's tremendous competitive urge combined with his endless concentration and effort. He is not the shooter he is by accident: he keeps practicing all

the time, perfecting a slightly different shot from a different angle, between seasons as well as during seasons.

As a passer and playmaker, West is outstanding, but not Cousy or Robertson. Defensively, he is as good as anyone can be (in his size range) when necessary. Over an 80-game season, of course, he does not play top flight defense at all times; his responsibility is to concentrate on offense, because that's what his team needs from him, and under pro conditions no man can play with equal intensity at both ends of the floor 40 minutes a night, four nights a week. But, in particular game situations, when he does concentrate on defense, he's one of the toughest guards around.

In last year's playoffs, with Baylor out, West carried the Lakers past a tough and improving Baltimore team, and gave the champion Celtics fits in the final round. He averaged 40.6 points a game, a record for the playoffs. When you realize that former playoffs were dominated by people like George Mikan, Schayes, Cousy, Chamberlain and Baylor, the full significance of such a record is clear.

Even more amazing is the fact that West once scored 63 points in a single game. Basketball fans take sensational scoring performances for granted nowadays, but in almost all cases, the super-games (like 100 points by Chamberlain or 72 by Baylor) are instances of a big man overpowering the opposition near the basket. But West, at 6-3, did it as a backcourt man. The more one contemplates that feat, the more impressive it becomes.

One of those who contemplates such things, with heartfelt appreciation, is Guerin. Richie's own nine-year scoring total entitles him to tenth place on the all-time list for regular-season play, and in his position as a coach he has to be cautious about public statements praising opposing players.

But Richie was never one to mince words, and in his comments on West he merely reflects the general NBA opinion which cannot be twisted into disrespect for anyone.

"Until last year," says Guerin, "I really thought there just wasn't any question about who was greater, West or Robertson, and I'll certainly never take anything away from Oscar. But West has really closed the gap."

And there, perhaps, is the most important point of all. Robertson, Russell, Chamberlain, Baylor—great as they are, they have been fundamentally at their peak from sophomore season on. None has shown, each year, the distinct improvement that West continues to show. There's no telling where he'll stop—and that, come to think of it, is a characteristic of explosive forces, isn't it?

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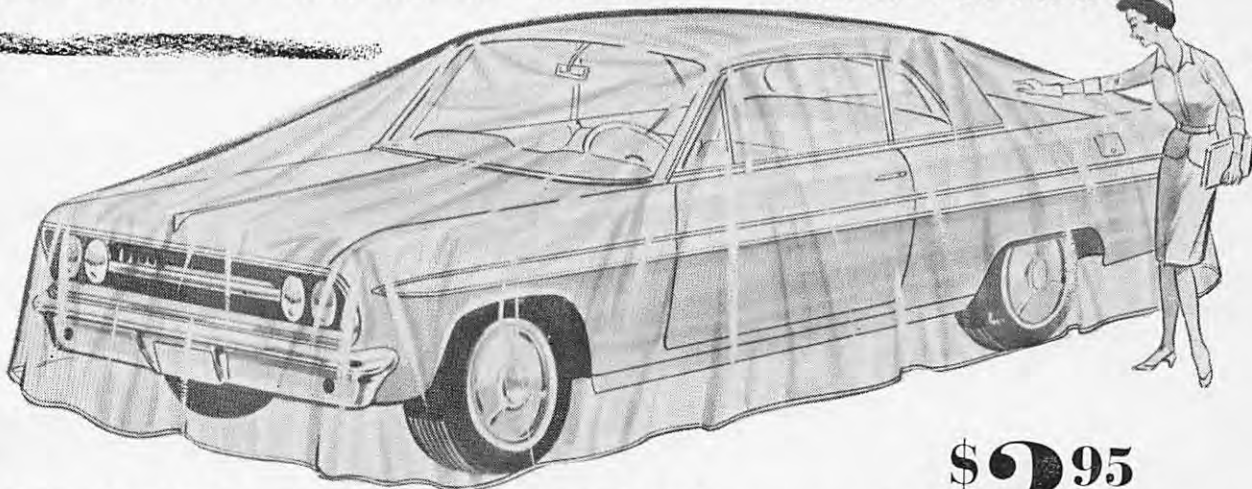
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